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Editorial

I believe the interview with Ran and Rene was well received, I am hoping to interview other members of GFN Staff in the future.

Please keep sending articles you think may be of general interest. Also your comments do show that the efforts of the editorial team are appreciated.

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AP Forum

Every day at 7.00 pm Perth Time. 11.00 am BST



USA Forum Every day at 9.00pm.



Installation of Worshipful Master Wayne Arnold and his Officers.

Campo Lodge No 918. GL of Texas

Special Degrees / Special Occasions

Our Antient Brethren Held their Meetings on High Hills or in Low Valleys.

Over the course of time many Districts and Lodges in Ohio [as well as other States] have commemorated this custom in various ways.

Often special meetings are scheduled on Holidays early in the morning to allow the Brethren to fellowship in Lodge and at Breakfast, then to go their several ways to participate in Community and Family Activities.

Lone Star Lodge #175 confers the 3rd Degree in the Lodge Hall on the Morning of Memorial Day. Since 1939 Xenia Lodge #49 has conferred the 3rd Degree on the morning of the 4th of July [or 3 July if the 4th is on Sunday as it is this year.] In early times the Lodge would open at 12:01 AM and make preparations. The Brethren would play cards and music and enjoy each others company, confer the degree at 4 AM, winding up with Breakfast before heading out to participate in the Holiday Parade in the community with their families.

American Union Lodge # 1 and Harmar #390, Marietta have jointly held a 3rd Degree in a Gravel Pit on the Banks of the Muskingham River for 56 years on the 4th of July [or 3rd] Registration is at 5:30 AM with the Degree beginning at 6 and Breakfast at the Masonic Park which surrounds the Gravel Pit. Guards posted on the upper edge of the pit ensure that proper security is maintained.

Two other Lodges in Ohio have extensive acreage with secure areas for Outdoor Degrees, Argus Lodge has sculpted an amphitheatre in the midst of their "Park" and on the evening of the first Friday confers the 1st Degree each September, the 2nd Degree in October, and the 3rd Degree in June. A trail through the woods has been created for the 2nd Degree journey to the Middle Chamber.

Several Districts have access to farms with secure locations, New Carlisle Lodge # 100 in the 9th District has met several years to confer the 3rd Degree at the Farm of Brother Ed Stevens in a secluded grove, New Home Lodge in the 19th District meets on a high hill annually at a Brother's farm. Again several Brethren gather the evening before, fellowship and camp overnite. Breakfast follows the Degree at the lower level. The 21st District has an outdoor MM on Sep 11, 2006.

The 11th District performed an outdoor Master Mason degree at the historical Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio. It started promptly at 6:00AM on May 22nd, 2004.

Fort Meigs is a reconstruction of a fort erected on the Ohio Frontier <http://www.fortmeigs.org/> Built in 1813 it was the home of Military Lodge #24 [formed primarily for Ceremonial Purposes such as Masonic Funerals] Northern Light Lodge # 40 has erected a Memorial to those Brethren at the Fort and held a ceremony after Breakfast to honour the memory of that Lodge and the Brethren who have been summonsed to the Celestial Lodge.

Another "High Hill" conferral is in the 12th Masonic District.

Brethren gather in a clearing in the woods for a 3rd Degree accompanied by the Wild Boar Degree which is a FUN degree that is conferred each year on the first Saturday of August at the annual outdoor Master Mason Degree and Pig Roast, sponsored by Proctorville Lodge #550 and Ohio Valley Lodge #536. The Wild Boar degree is not an "official" degree of Masonry nor is it intended to replace or supplant any Masonic teachings you may have received. The Wild Boar Degree is a fun degree; a degree in which it's

OK to laugh, "horse around", and have fun. Though it may seem to an observer from a distance that this is just an excuse to clown around and act silly, yet we as Masons know that all our rituals and all our degrees have lessons to teach. The Wild Boar Degree is no different in that respect. While we are having a little fun, a good Masonic lesson is slipped in and we find ourselves educated a little. The Wild Boar Degree was first conferred August 3, 1996 so you can see why there are so few "Wild Boars" around. However, the lesson taught in the Wild Board Degree is one that we believe to be of lasting importance. In the degree we learn the lessons taught in the parable of the Prodigal Son, and apply these lessons to our Masonic lives. The cast of the Wild Boar Degree consists of the Master, Swineherd, and the Chaplain. The Master represents the landholder or the Father of the Prodigal Son, and is the leader of the degree and obligates the candidates. The Swineherd or Conductor conducts the candidates through the ritual and assists the candidates. The Chaplain reads the Holy Scripture and leads the Brethren in prayer. To receive the Wild Boar Degree, you must be a Master Mason in good standing. The Wild Board Degree is only conferred at the outdoor MM Degree and Pig Roast on the first Saturday of each August.

A re-creation of a rural community during the Civil War time period, the Ohio Village features a town square surrounded by fifteen buildings where visitors can hear interpreters describe the operations of the public buildings, and watch ...

Ohio Village Lodge # 10 is above the General Store and was furnished by the G.L. OH.

Lodges from around the State may arrange to confer a degree in that typical period Lodge.

Golden Gate Lodge #245 in OH confers an EA Degree on 1 January [or 2 January if the first is Sunday] at 9 AM followed by Breakfast, a First First.

National Lodge #568 in OH has opened at 12:01 AM to confer an MM for many years to accommodate their afternoon shift workers. Breakfast is served about 2:30 AM.

Meridian Sun Lodge #69 in OH annually repairs to a century-old Barn to confer an MM, a Barn-Raising. After the Degree they have a steak-fry at a lake on the farm.

Ensor Lodge near Owensburg, Kentucky will confer their 27th "Outdoor" 3rd Degree in August 2006. The first section is held at the Lodge Hall after Breakfast, the 2nd section and lecture is normally held in a valley at the head of a lake on a Farm near the Lodge after an feast of Smoked Meats and salads and desserts provided by the families of the Brethren at the lower end of the lake, out of sight and earshot of the degree conferral. It is a great time of fellowship for the Brethren and their families.

Annually there is an Outdoor 3rd Degree at Brooks, ME following a feast at the Lodge. This is on a "High" Meadow surrounded by dense woods. In 2003 the conferral was by the Members of Anah Shrine Pipe and Drum Unit. 11 Pipers and 3 drummers marched up the meadow, Pipes skirling and Kilts swirling to the "Lodge" marked out by rows of straw bales for the brethren to sit on [if they were not wise enough to bring lawn chairs.] It was a braw sight and delight to the ears. Excellent performance of the ritual topped off the afternoon.

Union Lodge #38, F. & A. M. of Kingston Tennessee, announces the 35th annual Eblen's Cave Degree Weekend, August 18-20, 2006. On Friday evening California Fellowcraft Degree conferred by Pleasanton Lodge #321, Pleasanton, California. Saturday morning Tennessee Forest #135 Tall Cedars of Lebanon meets before lunch, then a team from Pleasanton Lodge #321 will confer the MM Degree. Dinner is across from the Lodge with entertainment by the KERBELA TEMPLE BLUEGRASS BAND. After Sunday morning breakfast the Brethren and their families head for home. History of the Cave Degree is at <http://www.gmwp.org/lodges/038cavehistory.html>

Georgia has an annual 3rd Degree in a Rock Quarry high on the side of a mountain and also a Mid-Georgia Outdoor MM at the Al Sihah Shrine Park in Macon later in the year.

A member of the Paul Revere Colonial Degree Team [William Munroe] writes, we are in the planning stages of putting on an outdoor fellowcraft degree on an island of the coast of Plymouth. This island

"Clarks island "named after the first mate of the Mayflower was the first place the pilgrims landed and there is a giant rock called Pulpit rock in a clearing in the woods on the center of the island.

This is a private island so the history books are few that mention it but it is a fact. there is an inscription on the giant rock that says "on the sabbath day we rested 1620" or something like that. the place has been privately owned by the same family since the 1600s and one of there descendents happens to be a brother and will be our host.

Louisiana: The 10th District open air degree team wears authentic regalia from King Solomon time in the second section of the degree work.They are rehearsed and give life to the degree and memories for you to take home.

Fort Erie, Canada, near Niagara Falls has an historical conferral of the 3rd Degree annually, I have not been able to get to that yet.

The gathering of Brethren in a natural environment, prepared by the G A O T U and orchestrated by his creatures [Birds, crickets, etc...] for fellowship and participating in the ritual of our Craft leads the contemplative Mason to view with admiration and delight His manifold works and to adore their Great Creator.

Submitted by Ellis Mills



UK Forum every Sunday at 9.0pm BST

4th UK Getogether

The fourth get together of GFN UK members will be held at Tarbolton Lodge, Prestwick, Scotland. On Friday October 20th 2006.

Tarbolton Lodge was the Mother Lodge of Robert Burns.

All are welcome both UK and International members.

Consecration of new Masonic Temple at Beamish Museum





When the foundation stone for the new Masonic Hall in Park Terrace, Sunderland was laid with full Masonic Honours in 1869, the Freemasons present on that day could never have envisaged that history would repeat itself some 137 years later, and that their building would be re-erected as a tribute to the design and lasting qualities of the Masonic movement.

After eight years of partnership, research and co-operation between the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham and Beamish Museum, the re-erected Masonic Hall opened its doors once again, this time not limited to Freemasons but to provide an insight into Freemasonry for the 350,000 visitors who flock to Beamish every year.

The official opening of the Hall took place in April with all the splendour of a Masonic procession of 300 Masons in full regalia, led by a marching band down the 1913 cobbled street decked out with flags and lined with 2,000 Masons, their families and many visitors to the Museum.



Canada

For Canadian Freemasonry Degree Structure go to.

<http://www.freewebs.com/freemasons/canadianfreemasonry.jpg>

Compiled by W.Bro Mike Bayrak. July 7th 2006

"I'M THE GUY"

I'm the guy who asked to join your Masonic Lodge. I'm your Brother who has gone through the Three Degrees of Masonry and paid my dues. I'm your Brother who stood up in front of you and promised to Assist when called upon. I'm your Brother who came to the meetings and no one paid any attention to.

I tried several times to be friendly and interact, but you all had your own buddies to talk and sit next to. I sat down several times, but none of you, my Brothers, paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a project or help out, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch television. The following meeting I attended, and again, no one asked me where I was the last meeting. I'm a good guy, a good family man, one who loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am? I'm your brother who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the Heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me to think they spent so much time looking for new members when there I was all the time.

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July Newsletter Comments

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Subject: RE: Global Fraternal Network July 2006 Newsletter(JNL1)
Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 23:27:25 +0100

Dear Ellis.
I found this news letter very interesting and I hope all the members of the GFN appreciate all the time and effort put in to publish same
And I am now looking forward to the next issue. Thanks once again for my Birthday greeting.
Sincerely & fraternally,
Tony

Ralph Staples <bluehillhiram@yahoo.com> wrote:
This is too good not to pass along to my older friends. Ralph

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has been successfully received and I will reply as soon as possible.
Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Global Fraternal Network July 2006 Newsletter(JNL2)

Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 09:21:52 -0400

Brother Ellis: Just read the July Newsletter which I found very interesting since I am well acquainted with both Ran and Rene. Congratulations on this presentation. We should all be aware of the extraordinary efforts of these two fine Masons. One question from Rene's interests: What is Giclee art?

Best regards.

Cordially,

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Date: Wed, 28 Jun 2006 14:13:31 +0100

Thank you, ET.

S&f,

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Thu, 29 Jun 2006 06:06:27 -0700 (PDT)

From: "Najib Riachy" <najibriachy@yahoo.com>

Subject: Greetings

To: "ELLIS MILLS" <eteldest@yahoo.com>

Dear brother Ellis,

Thank you for your continuous emails and I hope that everything is going well with you.

I tried to enter the staff comment board on the masonic network site but it seems that the password has been changed. Can you please send me the new password?

Your brother,

Najib Riachy.

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