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Editorial

A big thank you to Brothers Dennis McDowell and Tofique for assisting Bro Ellis Mills with the distribution of the GFN News Letter

Hi Brian,

Do include that Founders and Staff wish Everyone and their Loved Ones, a Merry Christmas, a Wonderful Holiday Season, A Pleasant Ending of this year and a good Beginning of 2007 plus the Very Best for the remainder of the Year in the best of Health and Happiness.

Thanks.

Rene

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Roster Details

The site is being updated to include details of membership in the member's roster. Until this is complete please update your details when you leave a forum.

Pins, Caps and Car Stickers may be viewed and ordered from the GFN Site.
Also available from the Editor.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARDS

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Asian Pacific Forum

Every day at 7.00 pm Perth Time. 11.00 am BST



USA Forum

Every day at 9.00pm.

St. John's Day in Winter

Fraternal Greetings!

Many happy returns of the season to the Brethren. May the conclusion of your year close the chapter on any unhappiness that you may have endured. May your accounts be favorably settled. May you find forgiveness for any of the trespasses of the inevitabilities of human nature that you may have committed. May you forgive others likewise. May the Deity, under whatever appellation by which you may know It, strengthen you with resolve for the trials of life that may lie before you, yet undiscovered.

May the ensuing year find you increased in every respect, and may you be better with each passing day. May you find always at your disposal the means to expand your knowledge, deepen your wisdom, and further your understanding. May you always be possessed of the means to come to the help, aid, and assistance of a worthy Mason, and of any member of the human family that you may find in like destitute situation. May this in-coming year find you under the wing of a favorably disposed Providence, that you might be granted the means to reconcile any accounts that may yet be the burden of your soul and spirit. May each day this year advance your estate, and draw you nearer to your goals.

So mote it be...

Your Brother,

... Rashied ~

Bro Brian;

Forest City has posted pictures of Brotherhood Night.

James and I went to Brotherhood Night at Forest City Lodge last night. A really great evening. They served Prime rib or salmon to over 250 Brethren and guests, including delegations from the US Army [who posted the colors], Navy, Marines, USAF, and Coast Guard. The MWGM, DGM, SGW, GMarshall, SGD, Gr Treasurer and Gr Chaplain were present. There were also plenty of DDGM and PDDGM and visiting Masters. \$2700 was distributed among six charities, the Cleveland Food Bank, the USO, the Salvation Army, the

Loaves and Fishes program of Antioch Baptist Church, Temple Israel Ner Tamid's food program and the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation.

Left picture is W.M. Mark Nathanson and R.W.B. Robert Callahan Grand Chaplain Right picture is W.M. Mark Nathanson and Most W.B. Michael A. Hines Grand Master of Masons in Ohio
An interesting side note: In the 34 year history of Brotherhood Night every Grand Master has attended this event.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ellis Mills [etfromstar187] eteldest@yahoo.com



Dear Brother,

Thank you for the December issue of your Newsletter: I would like to offer comments on two matters:

1. The UK Section shows a floral wreath with various words as "Christmas" "Zarthost Diso" etc. I am a Zoroastrian, and while I appreciate the well meaning gesture of making reference to my miniscule community, I have to clarify that the words Zarthost Diso refers to the death day of our prophet.[Like the Christian Easter] The Birth date was "KHORDADSAL"
2. I am a regular reader of Bro Tim Bryce's articles which he kindly emails me every week. He has raised a very important issue of some Grand Lodges trying to be too dictatorial and attempting to curb our speech. As far as I know, the word "Freemason" also meant "a FREE THINKING MASON" This was started when education levels in all countries were extremely poor and only those who were capable of thinking wisely towards the glory of the Almighty were accepted into the fold.

The authorities of the Grand Lodges concerned, forget that they were constituted to further the thought processes of thinking men and not for issuing dictats to be obeyed with harsh consequences. No wonder the numbers in our Brotherhood are falling.

Brother Tim Bryce refers to himself as a "Footsoldier for Freemasonry"
I think we should promote him as A CAPTAIN.

Sincerely & fraternally
BOBBY KALIANWALA,
Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, [UGLE]
Past Master, Lodge Universal Brotherhood No. 3835 EC,
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[Initiated -April, 1954]

My apologies, I note that Zarthost Diso was in June and KHORDADSAL was in August this year, I should have gotten my research straight.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Ellis Mills [etfromstar187]
Sickness & Distress Trestle Board Director
Glad Tidings/ Birthday Trestle Board Director
Chairman GFN Staff Directory Committee
WM Star Lodge 187, Cuyahoga Falls, OH



New British Bytes News page. Have a look.

A meeting has been called at the West Gate on Tuesday 9th Jan 2007 at 8.0pm GMT to discuss venue for UK Get Together in 2007

Situations Vacant

A number of vacancy's exist for UK County Reps

Some Euro Reps required

Interested? In the first instance contact the editor.

THE LAMBSKIN

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great
There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,
Tho' of all my possessions, there's none can compare,
With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
When Dad hustled around and so much time was spent,
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,
Until Mother would say; "It's the Masons tonight".

And some winter nights she said; "What makes you go,
Way up there tonight thru' the sleet and the snow,
You see the same things every month of the year".
Then Dad would reply; "Yes, I know it, my dear".

"Forty years I have seen the same things it's true,
And though they are old, they always seem new,
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,
Seem a little bit closer, each time that we meet".

Years later I stood at that very same door,
With good men and true, who had entered before.
I knelt at the altar and there I was taught,
That virtue and honour can never be bought.

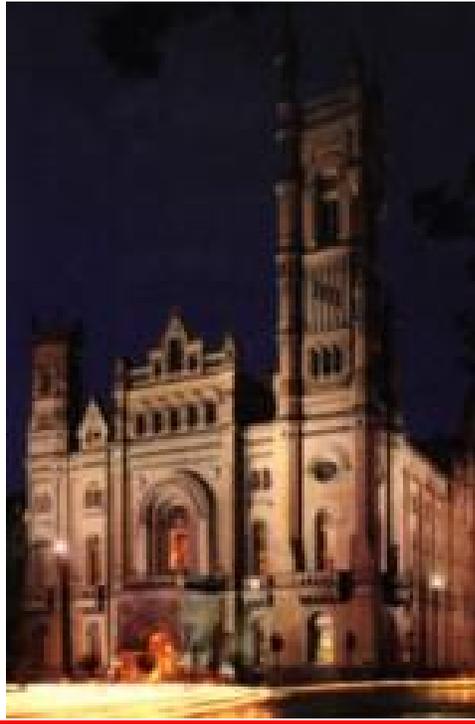
That the spotless white Lambskin all Masons revere,
If worthily worn, grows more precious each year.
That service to others brings blessings untold
That man may be poor, though surrounded by gold.

I learned that true Brotherhood flourishes there,
That enmities fade 'neath the Compass and Square.
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
As there on the level, men meet and abide.

So honour the Lambskin, may it always remain,
Forever unblemished and free from all stain.
And when we are called to the great Fathers love,
May we all take our place in that Lodge up above

Masonic Buildings.

Let me have Pictures of your GL Buildings please.
Ed.



Pennsylvania Lodge Building.

Quote of the month.

“A man lives by believing something: not by debating and arguing about many things.”

Thomas Carlyle

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