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Editorial

I urgently need input from you for this News Letter. Don't let it die

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

PRINCE HALL MASONRY

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Brother Byron is one of our most active Prince Hall Masons on the GFN. He's been a member of this Community since its creation. His Masonic accomplishments and history are too extensive to be placed here. He's a Past

Master of Prince Hall Lodge #1, PHA and serves as Co-Chairman of the GFN Investigation Committee. He also heads up the Graphics and some of the Web pages on the GFN. Want to know more about Prince Hall Masonry... This is the Brother who will assist you with your questions. All Master Masons are welcome here.

The paper for now is:
The Tyler's Oath or Walking the Sword
The trivia for March is:
MASONIC TRIVIA FROM THE INTERNET PART 10

ARCHIVED PAPERS
MASONIC TRIVIA FROM THE INTERNET ARCHIVES

Still awaiting a brother to design a logo for Asian Pacific

Asian Pacific Forum

Every day at 7.00 pm Perth Time. 10.00 am BST

Brothers in the Asian Pacific area please make sure that if you have any worthy articles for the News Letter that you forward them onto me this includes what is happening in your Lodges and up and coming events in your area .We look forward to hearing from you

Dennis Mc Dowell aka Genisis Asian Pacific sub editor



USA Forum

Every day at 9.00pm.



This picture is of a visitor from the WM of Pharos Lodge in Dover WBro Mike Webb who also happens to be the City Clerk for Dover. His daughter lives in the Boise area and we had the pleasure of his company for a couple of weeks. I'm on the left and WBro Monte Bollar the current DDGM of the 7th Masonic District AF&AM of Idaho is on the right.

Corby Christensen Idaho Lodge

A NEW MASON'S ATTENDANCE -

During a candidate's progress through the three degrees, he is the most important person in the Lodge. We heap all kind of attention upon him as we provide him with the symbolic working tools. Then, once he has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we turn our attention to the next candidate.

It is easy for the newly raised Master Mason to become neglected; a statistic. He has all of those shiny new working tools, but he is still in darkness. He has his "union card," but he is unemployed. There may not be any designs upon his Trestle board for him to use. He may easily become bored, frustrated, disinterested; a stranger in a strange place. It can become very easy for him not to come back to the lodge room. He may, eventually, apply for a "Demit."

We need to be interested in all of our members, and more particularly our new members. We need to make an earnest effort to get our members involved in the workings of the Lodge so they can fill their Trestle boards with Masonic designs.

Let us match the skills, talents, abilities, and interests of our members with the needs of the Lodge. Let us assist our new members to employ the working tools we have placed in their hands. Let us give the new Mason a reason to continue with the Lodge, and the other Masons a reason to return. Most importantly, let us make sure every Lodge member knows he is important to the Lodge - because he IS!

Steve Grant



UK Forum Every Sunday at 9.00pm UK Time

New British Bytes News page. Have a look it has been completely re formatted.

The UK Get Together for 2007 will be held at Leyland Lancashire on Saturday 22nd September at 2.00pm. Host Lodge will be Dona Conferentes.
More details to follow

Grave Predictions

Death may be no joking matter, but there's something deeply fascinating about how other people foresee - or often don't foresee - their own ends. That's the secret of why we enjoy this fascinating area of predictions - it's about other people's deaths and not our own. After all, as the comedian Woody Allen says, he's not worried about death - he just doesn't want to be there when it happens. So at the time, these remarks may have not been intended to make us laugh, but now with the benefit of hindsight, it's hard to resist a 'wry chuckle' or at least a little shiver at the realisation of our own mortality.

It was 1864, the American Civil War was raging and the scene was the Battle of Spotsylvania. The Union's General John Sedgwick referring to the enemy's snipers said: 'They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance.' The next moment he was dead - killed by an enemy sniper.

In the ancient world a Greek by the name of Calchas was informed by a seer - someone who could see into the future - that on a given date he would die from laughter. When the appointed day arrived Calchas was amused that, contrary to the seer's prophesy, he was in fact alive and kicking. In fact he found the whole idea so amusing that he started to giggle, then to laugh, and finally began to roar with laughter. At which he dropped down dead.

A member of a Texas pesticide review board, Othal Brand, once said of the pesticide Chlordane: 'Sure, it's going to kill a lot of people, but they may be dying of something else, anyway.'

A light aircraft crashed in April 1974, killing the two passengers, Todd Missfield and Bonnie Johnson. According to a Canadian newspaper, the plane had crashed into a billboard proclaiming the words: 'Learn to Fly'.

Captain Oates left his colleagues' tent on Robert Scott's expedition to the Antarctic in 1912 and said softly: 'I am just going outside. I may be some time.' He was. Oates, who had been suffering from frostbite, sacrificed himself rather than hold the expedition up, and never returned to the tent.

It isn't hard to feel sympathy for the fate of Elizabeth McClelland, who in 1978 at the decent age of 78, decided she had had enough of the growing civil unrest of her native Belfast in Northern Ireland. She upped and emigrated to the more tranquil surroundings of Christchurch in New Zealand. 'I want to get away from all the street violence,' she said. Sadly, Mrs McClelland died in a hospital in her adopted homeland. She had been hit over the head during a demonstration by a placard proclaiming Irish Civil Rights.

The great British Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister Lord Palmerston lay dying in 1865. His last recorded words were: 'Die, my dear doctor? That's the last thing I shall do.'

Irate passenger Alfred Lewis lost the plot when he missed his stop on a Chicago Transit Authority bus in 1972 and the driver refused to let him off the vehicle before they reached the next stop some way off. 'I'm gonna get off the bus if I have to blast my way off,' shouted Lewis, whereupon he pulled out a handgun. What he didn't reckon on was that another passenger was armed too, and he pulled out his pistol. In the shoot-out that ensued, seven people were injured and one man was killed. That man was Alfred Lewis, who finally got to leave the bus — dead.

Someone in the US army clearly thought they were onto a winner with the slogan 'Patriotism is Life' at a local exhibition of troops stationed in Germany in 1978. The culmination of the event was to see one Sergeant George McGraw dropping in by parachute, proudly holding the Stars and Stripes flag to underline the slogan's meaning. The impact of this bravura display was slightly altered however when on descent Sgt McGraw's parachute became tangled up with the flag, causing him to plunge into a nearby cemetery to his very own patriotic death.

The impending eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State in the US was understandably causing nervousness among local residents. All except, that is, a stubborn 83-year-old called Harry Truman. Truman had lived on the mountain's slopes for half a century and perhaps understandably felt he knew it better than most people. As the media gathered and neighbours left for safety, Truman insisted that the volcanic mountain was not able to get out of hand. 'No one knows more about this mountain than Harry,' he said. 'This goddamned mountain wont blow.' And in a wonderfully inventive side swipe at the experts he declared: 'Scientists don't know shit from apple butter!' So he holed up with his cats and plenty of whisky to see the episode out. Alas for Harry, the scientists on this occasion did know their apple butter, and on 18 May 1980, the mountain blew with devastating force, obliterating Harry, his home and cats. Locals later reckoned his last recorded words were: 'My God, they were right!'



Netherlands Antillies

Towards our Building Fund

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Message:

Dear Brethren, Greetings to you all. We are Union Lodge 266, a Blue Lodge under the Dutch Jurisdiction situated on the sunny Caribbean island of St. Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles. Due to dwindling membership and our island being just 37 square miles, we have a small membership. However we are striving towards building our very own Temple and increasing the ranks of our fellowship. To facilitate the building of our Lodge we are presently selling our official Union Lodge 266 Masonic hats for US\$15.95. The proceeds from the sale of these hats will go towards our "Building Fund". We would greatly appreciate your interest and support towards this just and noble cause. In case a Brother from your respected Lodge is planning to visit our friendly island we would appreciate and welcome your presence at the business establishment of one of our Brothers listed below. There you can pick up your hat for the same and thus help to bring us a step closer towards our Lodge building. Please let all Brothers know that they can visit the following places when they visit our island and pick up their hats: LA CASA DEL HABANO FRONT STREET 24 PHILIPSBURG. ST. MAARTEN. TEL: 543-1001 CONTACT: BRO ELLIS BELILOS; CORNILEUS BEACH BAR BOARDWALK PHILIPSBURG ST. MAARTEN TEL: 557-9969 CONTACT: BRO CORNILEUS de WEEVER; BE DAZZLED JEWELERS ROYAL PALM PLAZA 94, FRONT STREET, PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN TEL: 599 542 1724 CONTACT: BRO HARRY SHAHANI; DAVID'S GIFT SHOP AT THE PRINCESS JULIANA INT. AIRPORT SIMPSONBAY, ST. MAARTEN TEL: 5523046 CONTACT: BRO DAVID de ROBLES; Bro Samuel R.A. Allen Jr. Secretary Union Lodge 266 E St. Maarten N.A. Tel. 5235674 or 5806060 Unionlodge266@yahoo.com

Situations Vacant

A number of vacancy's exist for UK County Reps

Some Euro Reps required

Interested? In the first instance contact the editor.

Masonic Buildings.

Let me have Pictures of your GL Buildings please. Keep them coming.

Ed.



A photo of the first Idaho Masonic Grand Lodge, which was, formed at Idaho City in the Temple belonging to Idaho Lodge #35 Oregon Territory. It became Idaho Lodge #1 AF&AM of Idaho and is still in use today. It is one of the oldest standing Lodge buildings that are still in use east of the Mississippi River.

Quote of the month.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

E.M.

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