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## **Editorial**

We apologize for the GFN being offline for a few days during April. This was due to a storm in the USA knocking out one of the main fibre optic lines used by the internet

Reps meeting will be held monthly at the West Gate on the second Sunday of the month at 9.0pm UK time

These meetings are to enable Reps to liaise and to seek help in encouraging the profile of the GFN.

The meetings will also be open to all GFN members. No password required. Meetings will be chaired by Ian Daniel with Brian Butler acting as Minutes Secretary.

## **Message to GFN Members**

Dear Brethren,

Are you committed to the principles of brotherly love and fellowship exemplified by the GFN?

Do you enjoy helping other people?

Do you have a few hours you can spend on the computer each week?

Are you a person who is willing to make a commitment and follow it through?

If so, I would like to hear from you.

The GFN administration feel we should be helping new brethren to feel at home and find their way around the GFN site. To this end, we intend to establish a Welcoming Committee to help new members navigate their way around the site, take part in online chats and use the Trestle Boards.

Most of us know how frustrating and difficult it can be to get started, especially those of us with poor internet skills. We need people who will contact recently joined brethren from their state/country, help them to get started and make them feel that we are glad they joined.

If this is something you would like to do and you are willing to follow through and be reliable once you have made a commitment, drop me a line and I will give you more details about the duties involved.

Please reply to Bob Edwards  
[bobedw77@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bobedw77@yahoo.com.au)

### **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**

This Board has been especially created to offer all interested Brethren not only as a channel to communicate, but even more importantly, to proffer a special place to learn. To learn from and with each other. This is a platform where genuine interest will be displayed and discussed in an intelligent and gentle manner as it behooves the members of our Craft. This Board is hosted by Brother Byron E. Hams and postings will be purged every 30 days Everyone is welcome on this stage and every Masonic subject is open for discussion.

#### **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.

### **The Test**

Author Unknown

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, " I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

### **Idaho No 1 Past Masters Night**





**UK Forum Every Sunday at 9.00pm UK Time**

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

**The Master of Crayford Lodge No 6336 giving a speech at his Ladies Night on April 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Mexico**



Dear Bro

Here is a picture of my lodge, at center with the jewelry is the Grand Past Master Ricardo Hajar Rodriguez 2006-2007. I am at the left with apron with square and compass.

Lodge Zamora number 33, York Grand Lodge of Mexico, at city of Zamora state of Michoacan, Mexico.

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Alberto Ochoa Velazquez MM

Senior Warden of this lodge



Here is an absolutely beautiful and magnificent engraving of the Iron Worker and King Solomon. The text at the bottom of the print reads: Entered according to an Act of Congress in the year 1889 in the Office of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. It was engraved by John Sartain in Philadelphia. It was published by the Macoy Publishing Co. and Masonic Supply in New York. The original was painted by Professor C. Schussele in 1864 for the collection of the late Joseph Harrison. On the bottom of the print it states:



When the Temple of Jerusalem was completed King Solomon gave a Feast to the artificers employed in its construction. On unveiling the Throne it was found that a smith had usurped a seat of honor on the right of the Kings place not yet awarded. Where upon the people clamored and the guard rushed to cut him down, "Hold! Let him speak" commanded Solomon. Thou hast O' King invited all craftsmen but me, yet how could these builders raise the Temple without the tools I have fashioned?

True, decreed Solomon... the seat is his of right. All honor to the Iron Worker!

<http://home.midmaine.com/~gleighton/>

I wrote this poem to express to the Brothers that Mr. Cain is not just a name we use as a pa

What manner of man sat at Solomon's side  
When the Temple's doors were opened wide  
Solomon had a feast when the Temple was done  
All the Masters were invited and he bared none  
There was this one who forced his way in  
He said he belonged with these Masters - yes with these men  
Solomon called each Master by name  
And asked - Do you know this man or what he proclaims  
The Master who had inlaid gold in the ceiling  
said - he is not one of us why is he kneeling  
The Sculptor said - He is not one of us who uses the hammer and chisel  
We pray my Lord for his dismissal  
None of the Masters knew this man  
None had seen him in their land  
Then the man began to speak  
Who made the tools that lie beneath your feet  
Everyone said the son of the Forger - the Blacksmith  
Their answer was the same  
He was the man they called Tubal Cain  
Tu - means THE

Bal - means TOO Brother Richard A. Gould Jr. is a rare find for those of us who enjoy the pages of the Masonic Poets Society. Brother Gould has already had a book of poetry published and the second book will soon be available. He is a member of Bethel Lodge No. 7 in Suffolk, Virginia and a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and is a Scottish Rite Brother. He has two books that would be of interest to us all. The first is called In The Mind's Eye and is currently out of print. The second is called In The Mind's Eye Too and is currently at the publisher. He will soon be setting up a web site so stay tuned. He has agreed to share his Masonic Works with us and now has his own "corner" on the MPS ...

Submitted by Bro Ralph Staples

### **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.



**Grand Lodge of Vermont**

Quote

The most dangerous thing in the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps.

David Loyyd George

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