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# Temple Wanderings

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## Officers for 2005

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Master

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Senior Warden

**Timothy S. Stevens**  
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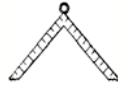
**Wor. John G. Merrill**  
Tyler

**Wor. John G. Merrill**  
Historian

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## Tyrian Lodge No. 73 A.F. & A.M. (submitted by Rick Bergeron)



After numerous requests to the Master to submit the Master's Message, I again did not receive anything for this issue. This space of the Temple Wanderings is dedicated for such purpose and as editor I apologize for the "white space".

Grand Lodge has developed a paper titled "How to Make your Trestleboard More Interesting". In it, they describe the Master's Message as:

*"Masters have given the writing of the Master's message different priorities. Some look forward to the opportunity of contacting the membership of the Lodge and presenting them with ideas that they have. Others feel that this is the worst thing that has ever happened to them, so they use their Lodge Secretary or even their printer to write their articles. There is nothing wrong with using an Editor or Trestleboard Committee to edit and setup the trestleboard, BUT THE MASTER MUST WRITE THE MASTER'S MESSAGE. It cannot be delegated. The Master has an obligation to communicate with his Lodge.*

As editor, I have done everything in my power to attempt to bring you the Master's message. It is now out of my hands.

## St Andrews Royal Arch Chapter No.51



Companions,

We had a business meeting on 1/19/05, although our High Priest had to be away on business. Our next meeting will be on 2/16/05. We'll have a pot luck supper preceding the stated meeting. Also, there'll be a program. A speaker giving a talk on some aspects of RAC. I hope everyone will bring someone with them.

This quote is from a third grader's explanation of God.

*" But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God. "*

Fraternally,

*Kieth Bennett*

Your Excellent King  
(Next month the High Priest will be back)

## Dwinal Chapter #28 Order of the Eastern Star



Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Due to the weather, we didn't have a quorum. Therefore, we didn't have a meeting in January. February 9<sup>th</sup> will be landmarks and obligation. We will be trying to play catch up and have William Stretton PGP give a history of the Masonic Order and something for Past Matrons & Past Patrons.

We have a man coming to check our organ on the last Thursday of January. Hopefully He can fix the problem.

We will have a pot luck supper with Wanda Winslow and Jeannette Tedford in charge. Hope everyone is well and happy and hope to see you in February.

I do want to thank Marion Hall for taking charge of the supper on January 27<sup>th</sup> on behalf of Colleen Tibbetts and Me. Colleen has to have her pacemaker changed on that day and I need to be free to be with her.

*"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God."* written by an 8 year old.

*Carolyn B Bennett* Worthy Matron  
*Kieth W Bennett* Worthy Patron

## Colfax Rebekah Lodge #27



**February 14<sup>th</sup>**—Regular meeting at Elizabeth Ashley House 7:00 PM. Bring homemade valentine for shut in member.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**—Red dress, red supper at Elizabeth Ashley House 6:00 PM. Bring a friend.

*Mary Jones*

## Tid Bits From the Assembler of Words

### Tyrian Garage Sale

Tyrian Lodge is planning on holding a garage sale this spring sometime. This will be our major fund raising event this year and we hope you all take a look at what you have laying around in storage and make a donation to the lodge. If you have any items you would like to donate for the sale, you don't need to wait until spring. Give Brother Secretary a call today and we can make arrangements to take those items off your hands for you.

### Masonic Holding Corporation Annual Meeting

The Mechanic Falls Masonic Holding Corporation (Tyrian Lodge Building Committee), held its annual meeting on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. The following officers were elected for 2005.

**President:**  
Erland Torrey

**Treasurer:**  
Rick Bergeron

**Clerk:**  
Irving W. Harris

**Custodian:**  
James McKinley

### Directors:

#### Terms expire 2005:

Robert Emery  
John G Merrill  
Wayne Logan  
Peter W Drumm, Jr.

#### Terms Expire 2006:

Mark Stevens  
Richard Bergeron (resigned)  
Eugene Chandler  
Landon Hall

#### Terms Expire 2007:

Glenn Huntley  
Robert McKinley  
Thomas Nelson  
James McKinley

#### Auditing Committee:

John G Merrill  
Wayne Logan

Discussion was held on the lawn mowing and it was decided to do the same as last year, volunteer.

The Directors discussed more exterior lighting on the back  
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### Ill, Injured or Deceased

If you know of any Tyrian Lodge Brother who is ill or has passed on, please notify Secretary Eugene Chandler @ 207-345-9579 or E-mail [gene73@megalink.net](mailto:gene73@megalink.net)

#### Our Sympathies To:



#### Illness:





# February 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Star Stated	10 FC Rehearsal	11	12
13	14 Rebekah Meeting 	15	16 Chapter Stated	17 FC Degree	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  Tyrian Stated	25	26
27	28 District Assoc Meet					

## Schedule of Events

- February:**
- 9<sup>th</sup>—Dwinal Chapter #28 OES—Stated Meeting—Pot Luck Supper 6:30 PM
  - 10<sup>th</sup>—Tyrian #73—FC Rehearsal—All Officers please attend 7:00 PM
  - 14<sup>th</sup>—Colfax Rebekah #27—Regular meeting at Elizabeth Ashley House 7:00 PM.
  - 16<sup>th</sup>—St Andrews RAC #51—Stated Meeting & Program scheduled—Pot Luck Supper 6:30 PM
  - 17<sup>th</sup>—Tyrian #73—Special Communication—FC Degree—6:30 PM Supper.
  - 24<sup>th</sup>—Tyrian #73—Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Supper.
  - 28<sup>th</sup>—23rd Masonic District Association—Ancient Brothers 7:00 PM—refreshments
  - 28<sup>th</sup>—Colfax Rebekah #27—Regular meeting at Elizabeth Ashley House 7:00 PM

**Upcoming Events:**  
 District Meeting—March 18th @ Auburn Masonic Hall—Hosted by Tyrian Lodge #73

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Barbara J. Merrill	<p><b>Sons &amp; Grandsons</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Roland S. Downing</b></p>	Wor. & Mrs. Rick Bergeron	<p><b>Wor. Samuel M. Kelly</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Norman E. Rowe</b></p>	<p><b>Wor. James E. McKinley</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Lynwood W. McKinley</b></p>
Bro. Lawrence W. Hathorne	<p><b>Pat Nash</b> In Memory of: <b>Wor. W. Ballard Nash</b></p>	Bro. & Mrs. Kevin Moore	<p><b>Mrs. Frances E. Jordan</b> In Memory of: <b>Merrill Peter Jordan</b></p>	<p><b>RW Gene &amp; Mary Eva</b> Welenteichick, Sr.</p>
<p><b>Mary Jane Whittier</b> In Memory of: <b>Bruce M. Whittier</b></p>	<p><b>Bro. Aubrey Emery</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Alvria Emery</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Annie Gary</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. A. Merwyn Gary</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Frances E. Jordan</b> In Memory of: <b>Thomas B. Mitchell</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Hazel L. Andrews</b> In Memory of: <b>William W. Andrews, Sr.</b></p>
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<p><b>Bro. &amp; Mrs. Paul R. Andrews</b> In Memory of: <b>William W. Andrews, Sr.</b></p>	<p><b>Wor. Peter M. Setford</b> In Memory of: <b>Gladys &amp; Michael</b></p>	Bro. Paul & Louise Goss	<p><b>Mrs. Erma R. Sturgis</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Deane M. Sturgis</b></p>	Wor. John G. Merrill
Bro. & Mrs. Harold J. Goss	<p><b>Jeremy "Pip" Setford</b> In Memory of: <b>Father Lt. L.A. Setford R.N.</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Gloria Finch</b> In Memory of: <b>Kenneth Finch</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Ruth Davis</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Robert E. Davis</b></p>	Bro. Wayne M. Logan
Marc Lajoie	Mrs. Marjorie F. Downing	Bro. Buster & Susan Downing	<p><b>Mrs. Ruth Davis</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Steven B. Davis</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Alverna Strout</b> In Memory of: <b>RW Clifford H. Strout</b></p>
<p><b>Bro. Richard Keene</b> In Memory of: <b>Maisie Keene</b></p>	<p><b>Joseph H. Bement</b> St. Andrews Lodge #74 Winsted, CT</p>	<p><b>Bro. Fred H. Perry</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Verner H. Rowe</b></p>	<p><b>Mrs. Hazel Thurlow</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Alfred M. Thurlow, Jr.</b></p>	Wor. Robert T. & Susan M. Smith
<p><b>Bro. Gardner C. Stone</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. John W. Stone</b></p>	<p><b>Betty Bement P.M.</b> Magnolia Chapter #16 Winsted, CT</p>	<p><b>Bro. Fred H. Perry</b> In Memory of: <b>Bro. Woodrow W. Dubay</b></p>	<p><b>Bro. Herbert L. Hartshorn</b> In Memory of: <b>Wor. Phil Prince</b></p>	Colfax Rebekah Lodge #27
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of the building and the Clerk was instructed to acquire the proper fixtures and have them installed. It was also voted to have the Clerk purchase bulbs for the main floor light fixtures.

The Board of Directors elected Richard Bergeron to serve as Treasurer replacing the retiring Rodney Santos.

### Tyrian Lodge Installation:



Pictured above are the Officers for Tyrian Lodge #73 for 2005. From L to R, 1st Row: Arthur C. Dunlap (Treasurer), Jeffrey L Breton (Senior Warden), Joshua A. Armstrong (Master), Timothy S Stevens (Junior Warden), 2nd Row: Wayne D. Cotterly (Junior Deacon), John G Merrill (Historian & Tyler), Mark E. Stevens (Senior Deacon), Irving W. Harris (Marshal), Basil M. Chadbourne, Jr. (Junior Steward), Michael V. Walsh (Chaplain), 3rd Row: R.W. Barry Gates, DDGM and Installing Master, VW Robert Hiltz (Installing Chaplain), Wor. Dana Longley (Installing Marshal). Absent from the photo is James Brown (Senior Steward).

### Temple Wanderings Online:

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<http://www.pivot.net/~rickbergeron/masonic/tw/>

### The History of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of

whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial -- which probably occurred around 270 A.D -- others claim that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to 'christianize' celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival. In ancient Rome, February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleansed by sweeping them out and then sprinkling salt and a type of wheat called spelt throughout their interiors. Lupercalia, which began at the ides of February, February 15, was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

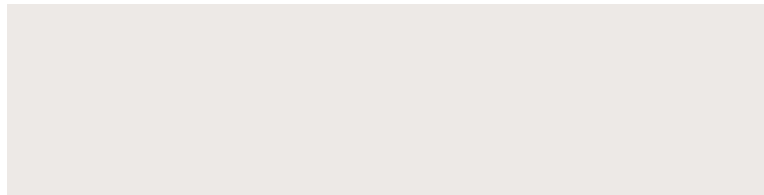


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