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My Thoughts From the "Assembler of Words"

by Rick Bergeron



It's amazing how time is flying by. 2007 is quickly drawing to a close and a new year will soon be upon us. The Christmas season is a time for family and friends to be together and sometimes the only time they spend together throughout the year. Demands for our time during this time of year are at its peak. How we decide to spend our valuable time depends upon our priorities.

Each person needs to make their own decisions. We are taught in the Master Mason degree about the 24-inch gauge. It being divided into 24 equal parts whereby we find eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our vocations and eight for refreshment and sleep. Where do the chores come in? Where is that time we want to spend with family? Where can the time be found for Lodge?

A wise brother once told me, "It's all a matter of priorities." We are taught that our Masonic obligations are not to interfere with the duties we owe to God, our neighbors, or ourselves. I totally agree with this however, on the other hand, we are also being faced with another situation and we as brethren and as a society must decide how to handle.

We have seen a decline in membership in recent years. We are not alone. Every organization I know is having similar problems. The next ten years we will see lodges giving up their charters, York rite bodies merging and closing, and so forth down the line with Scottish Rite and Shrine. Our average age of membership is increasing. At a time when we should be slowing down, many of us are actually doing the opposite.

I understand that circumstances are different for many of us. Job demands change; sometimes we have to work nights. Sometimes we have to take a second job. Our children are more involved in activities today than in years past. There is dance class, soccer, football, and a slew of other activities attempting to keep are children "involved". Once we have all that down, then we as parents are trying to find more things for them to do so as to draw their attention away from video games.

So then, what's the answer? If I knew that I'd be a rich man. I'll go back to that wise brother; "It's all a matter of priorities." We all need to do what we feel is best for ourselves and our families. I would suggest that in addition, we need to also try and protect our way of life for our children and our children's children.

Do we want these institutions around 20 and 30 years from now? Do we feel brotherly love, relief and truth are lessons we want our sons to experience? As a society, if we feel these are not important, than Freemasonry will not survive. Only time will tell. What are your priorities?

Dwinal Chapter #28 Order of the Eastern Star



Greetings Everyone,

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped or substituted at the November meeting. Thank you, Charlene, for assuming the East. The December meeting will be held on December 12th. We will have a 6:30 pot luck supper. Judy and Keith will be in charge of the supper. We will be celebrating Christmas at our meeting. Please bring an ornament to exchange. We will discuss what we will be doing for our shut-ins. We want to wish all a wonderful holiday season. We hope to see many of you there on the 12th.

Fraternally,

Judith A. Callahan, Worthy Matron
Keith Bennett, Worthy Patron

St Andrews RAC #51



Companions,

The annual meeting was held on November 21st. Unfortunately, we were not able to complete the business and also elect officers. These items were tabled to the next meeting in December which will be held on December 19th. There will not be a supper.

Companions, your Chapter is in dire needs. If people are not willing to step forward to take a chair, we may need to start discussions on whether or not we can maintain this Chapter. If you have any time available, please make an effort to come to the stated meeting in December. We could really use your help.

Written by Rick Bergeron on behalf of:

Kenneth C. Carlin
High Priest

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

Illness: (Get well wishes for:)



Tyrian's newest Master Mason, Bro Dana Lejonhud will be having a hip replacement in early December.

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Our Sympathies To the families of:



Richard and Debbie Hemond on the Passing of his Father, Roland Hemond on Nov. 20th

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December 2007



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Schedule of Events

December:

- 7th—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12th—Dwinal Chapter #28 OES—Stated Meeting
- 19th—St Andrews RAC—Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Supper
- 20th—Tyrian Annual Meeting & Election of Officers—6:30 PM Supper
- 22nd—Winter Begins
- 25th—Christmas Day
- 29th—Tyrian #73—Installation of Officers—7:00 PM—Refreshments to follow
- 31st—New Years Eve

Upcoming Events:

- January 28th—23rd Masonic District—MM School of Instruction—Tyrian Lodge—6:30 PM Supper

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Non-Ritual School

On November 26th, I put on a non-ritual school of instruction at Ancient Bros Lodge in Auburn. We had an interesting discussion on Masonic protocol topics from avouching, balloting, and whatever else that was on the minds of the brethren that attended. Attendance was not the best but I was encouraged to see a few lodges represented that were not usually in attendance at these events. These schools of instruction are not only designed for current officers in assisting them with their ritual but also any mason can attend and increase their Masonic knowledge.

Mason of the Year Nominations

At this same event, the 23rd Masonic District Association was accepting nominations for Mason-of-the-Year. They will be voting at the Annual Meeting on January 28th which will be held at Tyrian Lodge. I would ask that the officers of Tyrian put their heads together to see that Tyrian is represented by submitting a nomination at the January meeting.

Temple Wanderings

I have been doing this newsletter since the year 2000 with a time off somewhere in between there when Bro Tom Nelson was the editor. It's time to let someone else take over again. In the next few months, I will be working with Wor. Bob Smith and hope to get him up to speed for the February issue. I hope I maintained the standards of this publication set forth by outstanding masons like Bro's Bal Nash and Ted Parker to name but a few. I am confident that these standards and traditions will continue in the future as well.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/12/20011207-2.html>

On December 7, 2001, the Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended and signed by President George W. Bush, has designated December 7th as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."



On the morning of December 7, 1941, America was attacked without warning at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, by the air and naval forces of Imperial Japan. More than 2,400 people perished and another 1,100 were wounded, triggering our entry into World War II.

Today, we honor those killed 66 years ago and those who survived to fight on other fronts in the four succeeding years of world war. We also remember the millions of brave Americans who answered our country's call to the battlefield, to the factory, and to the farm, remembering Pearl Harbor by their deeds, their devotion to duty, and their willingness to fight for freedom. The attack at Pearl Harbor fired the American spirit with a determination that freedom would not fall to tyranny; and the United States and its allies fought to victory, preserving a world in which democracy could grow. The tragedy of December 7, 1941, remains seared upon our collective national memory, a recollection that serves not just as a symbol of American military valor and American resolve, but also as a reminder of the presence of evil in the world and the need to remain ever vigilant against it.

What's Going on in and around the 23rd District

- December 4th—Nezinscot Stated—6:30 Supper
- December 5th—Tranquil—MM Degree—2 candidates—6:30 Supper
- December 6th—Webster—MM Degree—2 candidates—6:30 Supper
- December 6th—Cumberland—FC Degree—33° Masons doing the degree—6:30 Supper
- December 10th—Ancient Bros Stated
- December 10th—Ashlar—EA Degree—6:30 Supper
- December 12th—Tranquil Stated
- December 17th—Ashlar Stated
- December 19th—Rabboni Stated
- December 20th—Webster Annual
- December 22nd—Cumberland Stated

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BRO. BERNARD ALONZO RECORD	58 yrs
BRO. ROBERT P. EMERY	33 yrs
WOR. WILLIAM HENRY STRETTON	29 yrs
BRO. RALPH W. SMITH	28 yrs
BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAM NEEDHAM	23 yrs
BRO. MARK C. CHINNOCK	16 yrs
BRO. ROBERT E. FIELD	13 yrs
BRO. HARVEY L. LEIGHTON	13 yrs
BRO. MICHAEL J. MORNEAU	4 yrs

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER	
BRO. JEFFERY BRYANT SR.	2 nd
MRS. HARRIETT STRETTON	2 nd
MRS. MARY LLEWELYN	3 rd
BRO. DONALD PIPER	6 th
WOR. HARRY WILSON	6 th
BRO. PETER FORD	8 th
MRS. MONA J. DUNN	9 th
MRS. DELORES PAINE	13 th
BRO. COLBY DAVIS	14 th
MRS. TAMRA BERGERON	16 th
MRS. MARIE MERRILL	16 th
MRS. LISA STEVENS	20 th
MRS. PATRICIA ANN HODGDON	21 st
BRO. WILLIAM CLARK JR.	21 st
MRS. WANDA WINSLOW	22 nd
BRO. BRIAN CARRIER	22 nd
WOR. ROGER MOTTRAM	22 nd
BRO. TERRIS TOMPKINS	24 th
MRS. SUSAN SMITH	25 th
WOR. WOODROW GAMMON	26 th
BRO. JAMES OWENS	26 th
BRO. DANA LEJONHUD	29 th