



**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)
Breakfast/Meeting in Jefferson City
May 20, 2006**

SEMI-ANNUAL MLR MEETING

This year's Semi-Annual Meeting of the Missouri Lodge of Research will be held at the "Capitol Plaza Hotel", Jefferson City, during the Annual Session of the Grand York Rite of Missouri. This Session will be from May 17th through the 21st beginning with the 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held at the Oak Hills Golf Center, Jefferson City, at Noon on Wednesday the 17th.

The Lodge of Research Breakfast and Meeting will be held at 6:00AM this year (1/2 HOUR EARLIER THAN NORMAL!) on Saturday, May 20th in the Lincoln Room. Illustrious Brother Brent Stewart, Personal Representative of the SGIG in Columbia MO will speak on Leadership. Tickets will be available at the hotel prior to the breakfast from our Lodge of Research Secretary, RWB Ron Miller.

The Grand York Rite bodies will wrap up their sessions with individual body installation ceremonies starting at 1:00PM on Saturday, an Awards Banquet at 6:30PM Saturday, ending with an 8:00AM Religious Service on Sunday morning followed by the Grand Officers' Breakfast - open to all Grand York Rite Officers, Deputy/Regional Grand Officers, visiting dignitaries, and Ladies only to be held in the Lincoln Room at 9:00AM.

LAND, SEA AND AIR LODGE NO. 1

located in Iraq
chartered by and under the dispensation of the
Grand Lodge of New York, F. & A. M.
located in New York, NY. USA.

As a follow-up to our article at the bottom of Page 4 of our publication 05-04, the following article appeared in the Sep-Oct 2005 issue of the Masonic News from Buffalo New York:

The pursuit of a lodge was begun by Masons and members of the 42nd Infantry Division, and on May 3, 2005 the Grand Lodge of New York granted them dispensation. To aid the success of the lodge, the Masonic Veterans Association of New York provided the furniture for a complete lodge room. Missouri Lodge of Research members can show support too by purchasing a shoulder patch at \$7 each. Orders are to be sent to: **Masonic Veterans Association of New York, 121 S. Long Street, Williamsville, NY 14221-6630. Phone #: (716) 633-4043.** Proceeds go to Brothers and family of the Lodge.

The lodge's web site is:

www.dcmetronet.com/landseaandairlodge1iraq

We should all take time to appreciate and support this lodge because there has been NO Masonry in Iraq since 1975.

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Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

The Corn of Nourishment

A Guest Editorial From the Indiana Freemason

By: Robert L. Rockhold

Lapel Lodge No. 625

This Guest Editorial is so good, that we have reproduced it, in the fond hope that it may make some of our members do some serious and logical thinking:

A worshipful master is faced with many problems during his term of office and solutions to them should be of great concern to every member of a Lodge. They should be of greater concern to the Senior Warden, for he will soon be advanced to that exalted office and shall face them alone if he doesn't make his plans now.

The following is not written as criticism of any member or Lodge, but written with the anticipation of creating interest within the mind, to help the Worshipful Master make his a memorable year.

Two of the problems facing a Worshipful Master are the attendance of some brethren and the indifferent attitude displayed by others. Both of these problems have a definite relationship but no attempt will be made to prove such relationship for such proof lies within the breast of every brother. However, some of the causes of these will be discussed and every brother can answer for himself.

You Secretaries look over your records for the past few years and answer the following questions.

1. What percentage of your membership has attended your stated meetings in the last five, ten or fifteen years?

2. What percentage of your brothers taken in during this time attend your meetings today?

These percentages are excellent indicators of the effectiveness of the Lodge upon the newly made Mason and should serve as a warning to every member.

You may ask what is meant by effectiveness of the Lodge and we in turn ask what impressions have you, as a brother, made of a new candidate?

A candidate comes to your door seeking wisdom and knowledge that is impossible to gain unless he enters. He seeks to become united in a brotherhood that extends throughout the world, and once he gains all this he very seldom returns to your door. What happened?

Was he seeking the corn of nourishment and you gave him nothing but stones?

Was he seeking light and you gave him darkness?

Was he seeking only the advantages which he felt he would receive by belonging to a Masonic Lodge?

Once you have answered these questions you have solved problems which the great scholars have

pondered.

We are all taught "that on the mind all of our knowledge must depend what, therefore, can be a more proper subject for the investigation of Masons." This should be especially remembered by members of an investigation committee when they are appointed to investigate a petitioner. A thorough knowledge of the petitioner should be a must before a report is given.

How wrong we are when an investigation is a last minute ordeal and insufficient knowledge and understanding is covered up by a favorable report before the Lodge. This type of investigation is the beginning of the end and candidates may have been received who add nothing to the fraternity but their names.

The candidate expects the corn of nourishment but receives only stones when ritualistic work is read from the book and sometimes given as memorized but without feeling. Parrots are fine in a zoo, but not in a Masonic Lodge. Remarks are sometimes made that the candidate doesn't know the difference but rest assured he is aware when something is being read or when it is given without proper preparation.

The candidate asks for light and sometimes he receives only darkness. In your anxiety to have a candidate prepared for a "special" Master Mason's program, do you rush him through his degrees without his having an opportunity to digest what he has just received? No individual can possibly digest in a short length of time all the lessons that each particular degree gives. Years of study and research are necessary before even a grain of understanding can be gleaned from the chaff.

In conclusion ask yourself these questions. Have we allowed ourselves to become "Degree Mills" where we are interested only in numbers rather than brothers? Do we care enough to give a candidate the very best of our time and labor when he asks for both the corn of nourishment and light or are we just satisfied to go along? If your answers are yes, then this will be the same attitude of your new candidate.

(Above Reprinted from: Missouri Freemason Vol. 11, No. 2 - March 1965. - - - It can be considered just as meaningful today!)

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A BOOK WORTH INVESTING IN!!

"Freemasons for Dummies" by WB Christopher Hodapp, a Master Mason since 1999 in Indiana. A fun book to read in the typical "dummies" format available at most bookstores for \$19.99. Great for Master Masons and non-Masons alike. This could be the best tool for Masonic Education for the new MM in your Lodge.

SOME MORE OF THE LODGES YOU CAN FIND ON:

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TROY LODGE #34
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WENTZVILLE LODGE #46
WILLARD LODGE #620
WOODSIDE LODGE #387
ZEREDATHA LODGE #179

RULES FOR PLAY:

You must **circle the names of Lodges ONLY**, LETTER BY LETTER, in the puzzle above then line through or check the name off the list. **DO NOT black or blot out the letters** in the puzzle as some of the same letters are used in another name. When you have found ALL of the above names that you can find in the puzzle, you should have about 20 something letters **NOT circled**. Writing down each of these letters from the top left to the bottom right, should sequentially spell out the name and number of another Lodge found on www.mofreemason.com **which is NOT listed above**. Who is it? Call a member friend who may have worked this puzzle and see if you got the same answer they did. If not, I will include the answer in the next issue.

Last Quarters answer was: **GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 9!**

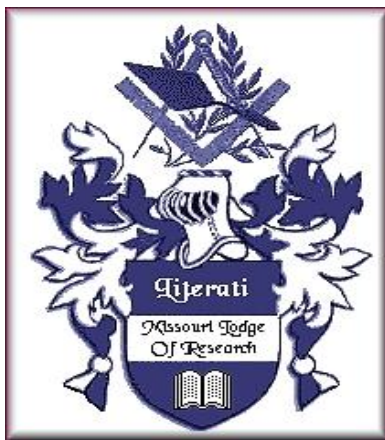
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THE OLD MASTERS WAGES

I Met a Dear Old Man Today Who Wore a Masonic Pin
It Was Old and Faded like the Man It's Edges Were Worn and Thin

I Approached the Park Bench Where He Sat to Give the Old Brother His Due
Said, "I See You've Traveled East He Said, "I Have, Have You"?"

I Said, I Have and in My Day Before the All Seeing Sun
I Played in the Rubble with Jubala Jubilo and Jubalum.

He Shouted, Don't Laugh at the Work My Son It's Good and Sweet and True
And If You've Traveled as You Said You Should Give These Things a Due.

The Work, the Sign, the Token, the Sweet Masonic Prayer.
The Vow That You Have Taken You Have Climbed the Inner Stair.

The Wages of a Mason Are Never Paid in Gold
But the Gain Comes from Contentment When You're Weak and Growing Old.

You See I've Carried My Obligations for Almost 50 Years
It Has Helped Me Through the Hardships and the Failures Full of Tears.

Now I'm Losing My Mind and Body - Death Is near but I Don't Despair
I've Lived My Life upon the Level and I'm Dying on the Square

Sometimes the Greatest Lessons Are Those That Are Learned Anew
And the Old Man in the Park Today Has Changed My Point of View

To All My Masonic Brothers the Only Secret Is to Care
May You Live upon the Level and Part upon the Square.

(Author Unk; submitted by: David Jacobi)

RETIREES – THE WHOLE TRUTH

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Only one. But --- it might take all day.

Q: What is the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: There is NOT enough time to get everything done!

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors??

A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

A: Tied shoes.

Q: Why do retirees count pennies?

A: They are the only ones who have the time.

Submitted by: J Steve Dodson from the Internet

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DID I READ THAT SIGN RIGHT?

Notice in a Laundromat:

When machine stops, please take off your clothes

In an office break area

After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.