



## Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR) Meeting in Columbia September 25, 2006

The Annual meeting of the MLR was held in the Windsor IV Room of the Holiday Inn Select Hotel at 4:15 PM on Monday, September 25, 2006. RWB Larry C. Reynolds, Worshipful Master, called the meeting to order and the Opening Prayer was given by our Chaplain, RWB Stanton T. Brown. Our WM introduced all Grand Lodge Officers present, followed by PMs of the MLR and then the PGMs that were present. Our Secretary/ Treasurer, RWB Ron Miller moved for approval of our previous meeting minutes. Seconded and Passed. RWB Miller then reported that we were waiting for approval of our 501c3 and that this might help us increase our membership in the MLR. It was reported that the executive committee voted to extend complimentary memberships to all Blue Lodge Worshipful Masters in Missouri following his installation. It will be hoped that they would continue a paid membership after that. That motion was moved and passed by the members present. RWB Miller then presented a resolution to change the time & place of the Semi-annual MLR meeting which is normally held in May. Following discussion, the resolution was tabled until our next meeting. It was then reported that the Speaker for the Tuesday Morning MLR Breakfast would be RWB Ron Hartoebben who will be speaking on pre-colonial freemasonry in America.

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**Editors Note:** *The following article are excerpts, extracted by the author from his, soon to be published, 25 page research paper, which is thought will be of interest to many Masonic readers of our newsletter. The author had sent the MLR the article as published here, being reformatted to fit the layout of our newsletter.*

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Excerpts From:

### **The Better Angels of Our Nature; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Masonic Courtesy in the American Civil War** *By Michael A. Halleran †*

On the night of January 1, 1863, Confederate General John B. Magruder attacked Federal forces occupying Galveston, Texas. Using land-based artillery, and cotton boats converted to armed vessels, the rebel forces overwhelmed Union troops stationed at the city wharf as well as five U.S. Navy ships in Galveston Bay. Among the Union ships engaged that day was the U.S.S. *Harriet Lane*<sup>1</sup>, commanded by Captain I.W. Wainwright. During the action, the *Harriet Lane* was boarded by the Confederate ship *Bayou City* and Wainwright was killed<sup>2</sup>. The following day, Harmony Lodge No. 6, of Galveston opened a "Lodge of Emergency," and following intelligence from some of the Union prisoners that Wainwright was a Master Mason, the lodge buried him with full military and Masonic honors. Commenting in the minutes of the lodge, the Master observed,

it does not conflict with [our] duties as patriotic citizens to respond to the calls of mercy by a prostrate political foe, or to administer the last rite of the Order to the remains of a Mason of moral worth, although yesterday they met as an armed enemy in mortal combat.

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MLR Editor, RWB Ron Wood reported that the last book of the series of Missouri Lodge would be printed and delivered before the end of December this year. He stated he was still looking for (copies of) any information that individuals or Lodges may have on deceased Missouri Lodges – those ceasing to otherwise exist or merging with other Lodges prior to 1930. Further, he stated that the MLR would be interested in printing a book on “Edicts of Grand Masters Since 1821” which would be good information to have under one cover. Still on the back burner for 2007 or 2008 is the book about the *Outstanding Freemasons in Missouri since 1900* or similar title.

RWB Reynolds called for nominations for elected officers for the 2006-2007 MLR year. Motion was made to advance the entire line except for secretary-treasurer and chaplain who will remain the same. Seconded and unanimously passed. MWB Elmer Revelle, the WM-Elect stated that RWB Nicholas R. Cichiello would be appointed the new Tiler. MWB P. Vincent Kinkead served as Installing Worshipful Master and RWB Stanton T. Brown as Marshal and the following officers of the MLR were installed: Rev Dr. Elmer Revelle as WM, Jon Broyles as SW, Dale Bryant as JW, Ronald D. Miller as Secy/Treas, M. Robert Berger as SD, Stanley M. Thompson as JD, Larry R. Houge as SS, James E. Snavelly as JS, Joseph L Kile as Marshal, Stanton T. Brown as Chaplain, and Micholas R. Cichiello as Tiler.

MWB Revelle expressed his thanks for the Lodge of Research members confidence in him and that he will do the best job possible for the following year. RWB Reynolds reported that the Breakfast is scheduled for 7:00AM tomorrow in this room. The next regular meeting of the MLR will be held during the York Rite Grand Sessions in May. Motion was then made to close the Annual Meeting. Motion seconded and Lodge was closed at 5:05PM.

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Also buried that day was Wainwright’s second in command, Lieutenant Edward Lea, who was killed in the boarding action. In one of the war’s many ironies, among the boarders of the *Harriet Lane* was a Confederate army officer, Major Albert Miller Lea – Lieutenant Edward Lea’s father.

The burial of Captain Wainwright is a well-known example of Masonic solidarity during the American Civil War. Perhaps more than any other American conflict, the War Between the States was very much a war between brother Masons. American Freemasonry had rebounded, at least in part, from the Morgan Affair of 1826 and the Anti-Mason political activism thereafter, and American Lodges had seen a steady influx of members. In America in the 1850’s and ‘60’s, Masons were active in all areas of society, and in particular in the military. The first shots exchanged in the Civil War -- at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina on April 12, 1861 - - were exchanged between the Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard a Freemason and a Knight Templar, and the Union commander, Major Robert Anderson of Mercer Lodge No. 50, Trenton, New Jersey. With equal symmetry, at the surrender of

the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, the “last salute” was exchanged between Colonel Joshua Chamberlain of United Lodge No. 8, Brunswick, Maine and General John B. Gordon of Georgia<sup>3</sup>.

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Contemporary sources indicate that Masonic honors for fallen comrades were commonly observed, and the historical record is replete with examples in burial notices and obituaries. What has largely escaped the notice of historians, however, are those instances made by Masons of the opposing side to arrange for burial of those brothers from the opposing force. Some instances are similar to that of Captain Wainwright, in honoring fallen foes, but other accounts, lying forgotten in Masonic circulars and periodicals of the past illustrate a strong commitment to obligations of the Order. Major James Austin Connolly, of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Infantry reported in a letter home of a Masonic burial he witnessed during the fighting near Atlanta.

[A] Captain who had been buried, had fallen nearer to our line than any other rebel, and he had evidently been decently interred by some Masonic brother in blue, for a headboard made of a cracker box, had been erected at his grave and inscribed with the masonic “square and compass” and his name “Capt. Sharp, 10<sup>th</sup> Miss., Buried by the 35th N.J. Vols. I know that he will arise again,” all written on it with a pencil, and possibly by the hand of the same soldier that killed him a few hours before<sup>4</sup>.

Another Union Soldier, in Meade’s Army of the Potomac told a similar tale concerning his company commander;

An interesting incident occurred immediately after the battle of Gettysburg, which seems deserving of record. The Regiment was lying in the road, supporting the sharpshooters.... The enemy’s dead were scattered over the field. One of the men of Company C, learning, in some way, that Captain Foy was a member of the Masonic order, brought to him a diploma, bearing the name of Joseph Wasden, and issued by Franklin Lodge, Warrenton, Warren county, Georgia. It had been taken from the body of a colonel of a Georgia regiment, which was lying in the road, at a short distance from the position of the Regiment. Considering it his duty, as a Masonic brother, to see that the last rites were properly and decently performed, Captain Foy took with him Corporal Stalker and a detail of two or three men, proceeded to the place, carefully wrapped the body in a blanket, dug a grave in the field near by, under the sharp fire of the enemy’s riflemen, and tenderly and reverently deposited the corpse of the fallen brother therein. A green leaf of corn supplied the place of the customary acacia, and the soul of the departed was commended to its God. It was a graceful and fraternal act, and was well and considerably performed.

It was not uncommon to encounter reports or jewels or honors, particularly diplomas, displayed on the battlefield.

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**The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.**

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 (NICHOLAS) CICHIELO, GC  
 JAMES SHEMWELL, GC  
 E(RICK) KERN, GC

(JR) LATTA, GC  
 (CHARLES) WASSERMAN, GO  
 WEBB EDWARDS, GO  
 DAVID JACOBI, GT  
*(Grand Chaplains listed below NOT in  
 the puzzle, BUT one is the answer!)*  
 LAWRENCE ALBRIGHT, GC  
 DARREL CURTIS, GC  
 SHELDON SNITZ, GC  
 RONALD WOOD, GC

## RULES FOR PLAY:

You must **circle the names of Officers 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 still used in another name. The name or part of a name within the parens (--) will NOT be found in the puzzle. When you have found ALL of the above names in the puzzle, you should have several letters **NOT circled**. Writing down each of these letters from the top left to the bottom right, will sequentially spell out the name of the Grand Chaplain hidden. Who is it? Circle the name on the list of 4 chaplains not otherwise in puzzle. 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 Quarter's Answer: NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

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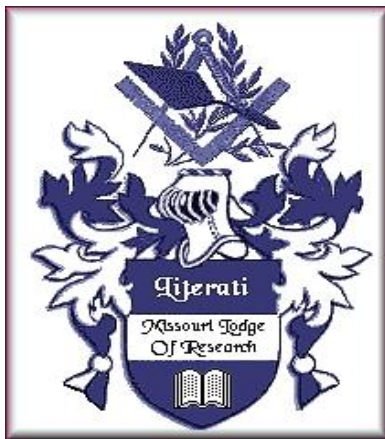
## The Lodge of Research Editor needs input for "Notable Freemasons in Missouri".

Write up a short biographical sketch for the several Freemasons in your Lodge who go, or have gone, that extra step(s) to do those Masonic deeds, get things done in the Lodge, lend a hand whenever needed or . . . whatever! Send your write-ups to: **RON WOOD**  
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Some time since, a brother presented us with a Master Mason's Diploma, on parchment, neatly filled up, and attested by John Dove, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It is dated the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1855, and was granted by Equality Lodge No. 136, to Thomas E. Buchanan, whose signature is on the margin. Its history is curious: some time ago, after one of the battles in Virginia... a rebel soldier was found on the battlefield. Being fatally wounded, and feeling that he must soon die, he had taken this (his) diploma from his pocket, opened and spread it out beside him on the ground so that it might attract the attention of some Mason among the conquering forces and – died.

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The case of Lieutenant William H. Raynor of Company G, 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry is a well known example of Masonic relief during the war. Raynor's story received some considerable publicity in the 1860's, the details appearing in, the *Masonic Review*, *Harper's Magazine* and elsewhere. During First Manassas, Raynor and two sergeants of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio separated from their unit on a watering detail were attacked by rebel horsemen from the Black Horse Cavalry<sup>5</sup>. Raynor was wounded by a gunshot to the foot and blow to the head rendering him unconscious.

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<sup>1</sup> The *Harriet Lane* was a side wheeled gunboat of 619 tons, with a crew of one hundred. She was armed with three 32-pounders and four 24-pounder howitzers. See *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion*, Series I, vol. 5, p. 704.

<sup>2</sup> United States War Dept. *The War of the Rebellion; a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.* / Series 1 - Volume 15, Chap. XXVII, "Recapture of Galveston, Tex.," (hereafter cited as O.R.), pp. 218-19.

<sup>3</sup> Concerning the details of the surrender at Appomattox, See Commager, pp. 1141-43. Colonel (later Maj. General) Joshua Chamberlain was a medal of honor recipient, professor of grammar and rhetoric and later president at Bowdoin College, Maine, and following the war, governor of that State from 1866-1871. His Masonic biography may be found at Denslow, vol. 1, p. 196. Details of Gordon's lodge membership are not known, although it is surmised that he was a member of an Atlanta lodge. Denslow records Gordon being a visitor to Cherokee Lodge No. 66, Rome, Georgia on two occasions; See *Ibid.*, at 129.

<sup>4</sup> Publication, Illinois State Historical Society, *Diary of Major Connolly*, "Letter to Wife --Before Atlanta, July 31, 1864," Vol. 35, 1899-, p.354.

<sup>5</sup> The 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Cavalry, referred to by the sobriquet of "The Black Horse Cavalry" for reasons largely obscure, were independent cavalry units amalgamated into a single regiment during 1861 and '62. Among this amalgamation was Radford's Cavalry. Colonel Radford, with six companies Virginia Cavalry, was ordered by General Johnston to cross Bull Run and attack the enemy from the direction of Lewis' house during the afternoon of the battle. See "Report of General G. T. Beauregard [sic], C. S. Army, and resulting correspondence." O.R., Series I; Vol. 2 ; CH. IX., p. 484.