



Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR) Meeting at GL in Columbia September 22, 2008

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 22, 2008. RWB Jon Broyles, Worshipful Master, welcomed the "over 100" Lodge of Research members to our Annual Meeting. He called upon our Chaplain, MWB Reverend Elmer Revelle, to lead us in prayer. The WM introduced all PMs and current officers of the MLR present, followed by PGM and Grand Lodge Officers present. RWB Larry Reynolds was called upon for a memorial to our deceased Brother Joseph L. Kile, who was our current Tiler until his death on July 22, 2008. The memorial was followed by a moment of silence. Prior to today's meeting, Brother Gregory D. West was appointed by RWB Broyles to serve as MLR Tiler. A copy of the amended and revised By-laws for the Missouri Lodge of Research was provided to each member upon entry into the room. RWB Broyles stated there would be a Special Meeting of the MLR to consider approving the Amended/Revised By-Laws..

Our Secretary/Treasurer, RWB Ronald Miller read and moved for approval of our previous meeting minutes. Seconded and Passed. It was announced that seven proposed "new" MLR Logos had been submitted over the last year or so. The one displayed above is our new, approved, MLR Logo. It was proposed that the members consider raising the annual dues of the MLR. Following some discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that the dues be raised to \$20.00 and Life Membership be raised to \$500, both to become effective on January 1, 2009. This means, if you haven't paid your dues yet, you can send in \$15 immediately and save the \$5 for the 2009 dues year (or \$300 for Life Membership immediately thereby saving \$200) rather than if you wait until after Jan 1.

Our book editor, RWB Ron Wood stated that he was in need of a few more biographies for outstanding Brethren. Do not feel reluctant to send in information on any Brother YOU feel is worthy of consideration of having his bio sketch published in an upcoming book.

RWB Broyles stated he was honored to have served as Worshipful Master of the MLR. He asked that all Brethren consider submission of an article worthy of publication in our quarterly newsletter. He called for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

It was moved that the entire line be advanced except for the Secretary/Treasurer, to be elected separately and Chaplain and Tiler who are to be named by the newly elected Worshipful Master. That motion was seconded and unanimously passed. RWB Dale M. Bryan, the WM-Elect stated that MWB Elmer E. Revelle would continue as Chaplain and WB L. Leroy Salmon as Tiler. MWB P. Vincent Kinhead, served as Installing Worshipful Master assisted by RWBs Jon Broyles and Ron Wood as Installing Marshal and Chaplain respectively. The following officers of the MLR were installed: Dale Bryan as WM, Robert Berger as SW, Stanley M. Thompson as JW, Ronald D. Miller as Secy/Treas, Larry R. Houge as SD, James E. Snavely as JD, Nicholas R. Cichielo as SS, Steven L. Harrison as JS, Gregory D. West as Marshal, Elmer E. Revelle as Chaplain, and L. Leroy Salmon as Tiler.

RWB Bryan thanked the members present for having the confidence in him to serve for the next year and he promised to give the best possible performance for this next year. He announced that the MLR Breakfast tickets are available at a \$14 price at the MLR desk in the lobby. Breakfast would be held at 7:00 A.M. in the Windsor III Room. The meeting was closed at 5:18 P.M following closing prayer by MWB Revelle.

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Our Worshipful Master, RWB Dale Bryan thanked a room full of Brethren for attending. Following prayer by Chaplain Revelle, the breakfast was served.

At 7:30 AM, following breakfast, RWB Bryan introduced the head table then declared our Special Communication of the MLR for the purpose of By-Law consideration. MWB J.C. Montgomery moved that the By-Laws be approved as amended and revised. Seconded and passed. RWB Ron Wood stated that the 2nd book to be sent out this year will be about the York Rite "KYCH" and should be an enjoyable read for all. Ron Miller talked a bit about the popularity of our newsletter and asked Brethren to consider writing articles for same. Articles too long for the newsletter could be considered for the Missouri Freemason.

Following MLR business, RWB Bryan then introduced RWB Douglas H. Reece, who has served five years as the Chairman of the Museum Committee who gave his talk entitled, "Why the Dream Continues". He gave a hands-on rendition of the development of the new library and museum at the Missouri Masonic Complex at 6033 Masonic Dr (located 6 miles north on Highway 63 from I-70, to Prathersville Rd. Go east on Prathersville less than ¼ mile then make a left turn (north alongside 63) to the Masonic Complex). RWB Reece had visited other Masonic Libraries and Museums and truly believes that "A Library is a True university!" He wants the Museum not just to be a collection of old things, but to tell the story of the development and expansion of Freemasonry in Missouri through the use of artifacts and items used during that development. It was a talk that made people want to visit our complex. After closing prayer by MWB Rev. Elmer Revelle, Brethren were dismissed at 8:05 A.M.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FREEMASON?

To different people it means different things, so I will go into, "what it means to be a Freemason" to me.

It means a lifetime of education, training, and character forming. It means a lifetime of trying everyday to live up to the obligations of a Freemason.

Traveling to that, "undiscovered place" where only the brave and true dare venture, one's inner self. Learning who I am and what makes me what I am and being true to myself about what I find there. Then, applying the philosophy of Freemasonry to improve those things that I find which fail show of what they should be.

Upon making the trip into my inner self. I found that the person there was a lot different than the person that [was presenting to the outside world. The inner me was basically true, good, and has feelings, while the outer me was basically strong, forceful, and unfeeling.

I discovered that the inner me was the real strength behind the outer me and that while the outer me was a source of protection, it was also a wall shielding me from the true joys of life such as, Love, Peace, and Happiness.

The philosophy of Freemasonry, when accepted and practiced, provides simple but profound solutions to the problems of inner self and outer self relationships, it also provides solutions to the problems of human relationships.

The best-informed Mason is the Mason who studies and learns about himself. One must know his self, before he can know anyone else. One must understand himself, before he can truly understand anything outside of himself. He learns to understand the "Volume of the Sacred Law" of his Religion and he also should also learn to understand the "Volume of the Sacred Laws" of other religions. For to be able to have some understanding of what

others believe, you have to have some knowledge of what it is that they believe. It is with this knowledge and understanding that a Mason is able

to find common grounds to come together with others, in Love, Peace, and Unity for the good of all mankind with any good man of any race, creed, or religion.

To be a Mason is to believe that charity and service rendered are beyond measure. To live the Golden Rule. It means to become a better man through a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul.

To know that the tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles that is acceptable to all good men. To live with tolerance toward all mankind. To be bounded together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection towards all other Masons. To dictate to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular. Not to seek advantage through business or politics, only to be judged on your own merits just as anyone else.

Byron E. Hams, WM

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Announcement to our Members:

Your Lodge of Research is now ready to begin offering the quarterly newsletter in .pdf format, delivered directly to your Inbox! If you are interested in cutting costs and resources used in production and mailing of your newsletter, you are urged to send your name, address and E-mail address to Adriene Green at aprice@momason.org, along with a note specifying your desire to receive your newsletter electronically.

SOME MORE MASONIC WORDS Solution: 10 Letters

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 Secretary
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 Stone
 Tide
 Time
 Trowel
 Wayfaring
 Zeal

RULES FOR PLAY:

You must *circle each of the letters* in each of the words listed above contained in the puzzle. Then line out the word found from the list. **Do NOT BLACK or BLOT out** the letters in the puzzle as each letter may be used in a different word also. When all the words have been lined through, you should then have 10 letters left in the puzzle which have not been circled. Write down **these letters only**, from upper left to lower right and this will spell out the word which is the answer! You should know you have the right answer, because it is something that ALL Lodges should want more of. **Good Luck!**

Last issue answer: **DAVID W. HAYWOOD.** Above answer will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

In 1920, **Gate City Lodge No. 522** in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record **1,107 degrees**, averaging 21 degrees a week. (NOTE: *Gate City Lodge consolidated with Temple Lodge No. 299 in 1999 to become Gate City Lodge No. 299.*)

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“TEMPLE”

The word *Temple* is derived from the Latin word *Templum*. The root of this word is *Temp* meaning “to cut or scribe” as in *template*. The ancients observed flights of birds and cut or scribed their direction on the ground with sticks. Ancient seers then used these markings to get their bearings and guide their travels.

Masonic Temples similarly help their members “to get their bearings.” So *Temple* does not mean a place of worship to Freemasons, but rather a place to find direction for successful living. It is indeed an “Ancient Masonic usage, “which also alludes to that various levels of King Solomon’s Temple where Masons met. This meaning is taught to all Masons who take the Scottish Rite Degrees.

In days gone by, all of our Masonic buildings were prominently labeled temples. Political correctness has now caused them to become “Centers, Buildings, or Lodges.” We, I suppose, don’t want the public to think that Freemasonry is a religion, so rather than explain the ancient Masonic meaning of Temple, someone changed it.

But that someone could not be a Freemason, as all Freemasons, have sworn to conform to all ancient Masonic

usages, so far as the same shall come to their knowledge! They have also admitted that it is not in the power of man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry! So the desecration of our *Temples* appears to be the work of the same people who demoted The Holy Ghost to the holy spirit, and changed BC (before Christ) and AD (after death) to BCE (before current era) and CE (Common Era).

Watch carefully, Brethren—the Holy Bible could soon disappear from our altars. It looks far too religious, and I’m sure the politically correct *Temple* desecrators certainly must have it squarely in their sights.

Do you remember Peter, Paul and Mary, who sang?

*“Where have all the temples gone, longtime passing?
Where have all the temples gone a long time ago?
Where have all the temples gone, gone to centers
every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?”*

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Submitted by **RWB Ron Wood, MLR Book Editor,**
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