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**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)
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May 15, 2009**

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 13th through the 16th beginning with the 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Wednesday the 13th at 12 o'clock Noon.

The Lodge of Research Semi-Annual Breakfast this year will be held on Friday, May 15th at 7:00AM in a room to be announced then. The Honored Guest Speaker has not confirmed as of this date but you can be certain that the talk will be very interesting and appropriate for our Semi-annual Breakfast meeting. Please plan of being in attendance during the York Rite Session. Tickets will be available in the lobby at the Lodge of Research desk or our secretary, RWB Ron Miller, for \$15.00 and or his assistant Adriene Greene.

Annual Dues for the MLR are now \$20.00 and are due. If you haven't paid yet, please submit to: Adriene Greene by mail to Grand Lodge Office (6033 Masonic Dr, Suite B Columbia MO 65202-6535)

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Brethren: When the editor sent me the template for the newsletter, he had already listed the title as "Words of Wisdom". I still have not decided if he really expected me to have words of wisdom of if he was being sarcastic, but either way I will try to please.

If you attended Grand Lodge, and the annual Lodge of Research meeting, you know that I had the honor of being elected as Master of the MLR and to the Home Board both on Monday. This will be a day that I will always remember.

I would like to challenge all members of the Lodge of Research to bring in at least one new member this year. The Lodge of Research currently has about 1,000 members. If we could double this amount it would greatly benefit the LOR. The major expense of the Lodge is to publish the annual book you receive. The major cost of the book is the set up, once the set up is done the cost for printing 2,000 books is not all that much greater than printing 1,000.

I would like to challenge all the members of the Lodge of Research at the next meeting of their local Lodge to tell the other members about the MLR. Last year I accompanied our DDGM for his official visits and at each meeting I spoke about the LOR. The response was great and I received many new petitions. I might add that the first lodge we visited was Agency #10 and that I was unable to get any new petitions because all of the members present already belonged to the LOR. I believe this was the only Lodge that I was unable to get a new member from.

Brethren we currently have 48,000 members of Grand Lodge in Missouri. This means that only 2 percent of the current members of Grand Lodge belong to the LOR. I have often had people ask what the benefit to belonging to an organization is. We in the Lodge of Research can tell them that the first benefit is that they will receive a hard bound book every year they are a member. I feel that the LOR is one of the easiest organizations we have to sell to new members. So please help me in making the LOR grow.

I would like to thank James M. Williams for appointing me in line in the MLR. I hope somewhere in this letter everyone found at least one Word of Wisdom.

. What's the definition of a will?
(It's a dead giveaway).

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“THE GREENTREE TAVERN”

by
P. Vincent Kinkead

There is a book, “*Opening the Ozarks*”, which is a history of St. Genevieve and the St. Genevieve Territory. This book covers from about 1730 until 1780, that 50 year period with most of the real history of the beginning of St. Genevieve. Up until about 1780, it was mainly a Fur Trading Post its history tells.

In that book, there is one line that has reference to Louisiana Lodge No. 109, which means in the history of St. Genevieve and St. Genevieve Territory, the Masonic Lodge was rather insignificant.

Freemasonry, as we know it, began in London in 1717 when the members of several Lodges came together, said that we need a governing body and they formed a Grand Lodge. Freemasonry has spread all over the world from this humble beginning. It came to Massachusetts in 1732, and from there, not too many years later, it was in South Carolina. It spread all over the East, and in about 1805, it came to Western Star Lodge at Kaskaskia.

In 1807, as was pointed out, there was a charter issued to Louisiana Lodge No. 109 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. What we know, to my knowledge, about that Lodge and its history was written by two Grand Masters a father and a son: Ray Denslow and Bill Denslow who were both Grand Masters and were both Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri.

Where they got their information is, to me, unknown because I have been to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania twice, they have a Historian on staff who supposedly knows a great deal about the History of Pennsylvania and the Lodges that they did charter. Both times I was there, I asked about information they have about Louisiana Lodge. They didn't find anything. I am assuming that the information that has been gleamed from the history is here in St. Genevieve.

I do know, that when Bill Denslow was Grand Master 1967; he spent one or two days here in St. Genevieve researching. From here, he went to Samaritan Lodge No. 424 in Bonne Terre, and was the speaker at their Annual Widows and Ladies' Night, and I happened to attend that meeting.

Let us fast-forward from there to 1981; there was a lady here in St. Genevieve by the name of Dorothy Meade who was a tour guide and especially talked about the Green Tree Tavern. She made the Grand Lodge aware that this was probably the first meeting place of Masonry, and that it should be recognized. In time the Grand Lodge took the projection, and with her help, a ceremony was put together. This happened on September 13, 1981.

Since I was near-by to St. Genevieve, the Grand Lodge Officers of that time thought that it would be well to invite the Catholic Church to have a part. So Mrs. Kinkead and I made an appointment and came down to the church and met with the Monsignor Father Holland. We met him first. He said that he didn't know why you people are here, because we are not going to do anything until my two Associates get here. Well, there were two young priests who were the associates in the church.

We had one these articles very similar to what Jon was reading from, reading names of those who were involved

in the Lodge here in St. Genevieve. One of those younger priests

was a church historian; he recognized many of those names that I was using as members of this Lodge as members of the church. Bear in mind that at that time the Catholic Church did not frown on Masonry. In 1864 when the Papal Bull came out, we as Masons would call it an “edict” that the Catholic Church frowned on Masonry and still does.

I thought that it was interesting that one young priest wanted to be involved, I heard no more. After a few minutes the Monsignor said, “we cannot make a decision here. It will be up to the Arch-Dioceses.” So I heard no more about it. It came September 13th. About thirty of the Masonic leaders gathered over at what was then Freda's, and we had a nice meal before we came to this facility to have a dedication and to recognize this facility as the first meeting place of Masonry.

It was not as certain as it is now, since Dr. Goldman found these particular emblems carved into the posts. You can get not better proof than what was found.

Through Mrs. Meade's efforts and Saline Lodge and Saline Eastern Star, at St. Mary, seven or eight miles south of here, that a parade was organized. I don't know how many entries there were, probably twelve or fifteen entries in the parade. The Knights of Columbus also took part in the parade.

After the ceremony, I spotted the young priest who was so interested in the history in the Lodge in this area, in the audience. I went to him, and he said, “Very interesting, very interesting. There was a place where we could have had a little prayer? It would have fit in so well.” Then he said, “I heard no more about it,” and I said, “Neither did I.”

At that event, many of the Grand Lodge Officers were here; leaders of the York Rite, leaders of the Scottish Rite, and each had some input. The Grand Master was Most Worshipful Brother J. Edward Blinn who dedicated the plaque inside. It would be permissible to look at it, if you haven't seen it before. It was mounted on the wall facing the street.

A very interesting event that was well attended when I look here, I see probably one-fourth or less of those who attended that event. I asked permission of Jon Broyles to mention the name of a member of this Lodge, and that was Nathaniel Cook.

I feel a little connection to Nathaniel Cook. He settled an area called Cook Settlement, which is just west of what is now Libertyville, Missouri, in about 1799. My great-great grandfather settled in an area just east of there in 1810. There spreads probably joined.

Nathaniel Cook and two of my great-great-grandfathers; these three were the first jury in the first murder trial in St. Francis County. I am not sure of the date. My mother's cousin was married to a direct descendent of Nathaniel Cook.

Nathaniel Cook came close to being, one of the first United States Senators from Missouri. Thomas Hart Benton beat him. This is a name you have heard before.. Thomas Hart Benton, in his earlier days, fought a duel with Andrew Jackson who became a President. Andrew Jackson was from Tennessee. In time, Benton and Jackson became pretty close friends when they got to Washington D. C.

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FROM THE LIST OF MISSOURI DEAD LODGES

ANSWER: 17

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RULES FOR PLAY:

You must circle **each of the letters in the name of each "Dead Lodge"** listed above. Then *line out* the name circled. **DO NOT** black or blot out the letters in the puzzle as each letter may be used in additional Lodge names.

When each Lodge name has been properly lined out, you should have 17 un-circled letters spread throughout the puzzle. Write down each of These letters from upper left to lower Right - - and they will spell the name Of the "Dead Lodge" not listed above. (HINT: It *had* been chartered as No. 661 on October 17, 1923.)

December's Puzzle

Answer:
INSTALLATION

Note: There was an error noted by MWB Bob Berger. The word "PARK" was *not* right, it should have been "PART."

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So, I reserve the right to talk about Nathaniel Cook, and my connection to him. He was the first Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, and was a part of the first Constitutional Convention.

As I pointed, or should have pointed out, that as Masonry spread, there was small group in every Jurisdiction. Jurisdictions are considered states that get together and form what is called a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge became the governing body of the subordinate Masonic bodies.

Louisiana Lodge No. 109 was not in existence in 1821 when the Grand Lodge of Missouri was formed, but members of Louisiana Lodge had migrated to the north and were instrumental in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

We know that during its existence, Louisiana Lodge No. 109 had seventy-five (75) members, and we know that the Lodges (members) of Joachim in Herculaneum, St Louis and St. Charles Lodges came together to form the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

When you form a Lodge (in states where there were no Grand Lodge) it must obtain a Charter from another governing body in order to form said Grand Lodge. Missouri created and presented the charters for the formation of many Lodges in many western states. If Missouri didn't do it, those Grand Lodges that had been formed in these new areas did so from other states.

So from this building right here, Louisiana Lodge No.109, there is connection to all of the Grand Lodges west of the Mississippi River as well as Illinois and Mississippi. It was just pointed out that Stephen Austin, the "Father of Texas," was

a member of Louisiana Lodge No. 109, so there is a Masonic connection with Texas also.

Freemasonry multiplied, from Louisiana Lodge No. 109 and the Grand Lodge of Missouri creating thousands of Lodges and millions of Freemasons in 23 states.

"ANGELS AND DEMONS" - THE MOVIE

Another movie based on one of Dan Browns books - *Angels and Demons* - is scheduled to be released in May, 2009. Trailers are now being shown. *Angels and Demons*, as a book, had more Masonic references than did the best selling: *The Da Vinci Code*.

It is not known what Masonic references *Angels and Demons* (movie) will have, but it is thought the Illuminati will play a role. Long a favorite organization of conspiracy theorists, The Illuminati, were a late 1700's secret society founded by a professor of law, Adam Weishaupt, in 1776. It is possible some Illuminati members were also Freemasons, but there was never a takeover of the fraternity as envisioned by conspiracy theorists. In fact the Illuminati became very unpopular and went out of existence in the 1790's.