



**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)
Meeting at GL in Columbia
September 26, 2011**



MWB Stanley Thompson

ANNUAL MLR MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting of the Missouri Lodge of Research will be held at the "Holiday Inn Select", located at the I-70 South Outer Rd on the West side of Stadium Blvd in Columbia, Missouri. This will be during the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This Session will be from September the 25th through the 27nd when Grand Lodge closes and has its open installation of officers for 2011-2012.

The Missouri Lodge of Research Annual Meeting also includes the election of officers for the insuing year and will be held during the meeting beginning at 4:15 PM on Monday afternoon, the 26th, probably in the Windsor IV Room at the Holiday Inn Select. There will, no doubt, be a lot of interesting business to come before the MLR membership in attendance.

Also, do not forget our Annual Breakfast will be held Tuesday morning at 7:00AM, and to continue our outstanding **Truman Lecture Series**, tickets will be \$20.00 each and your ladies are also invited to attend this function.

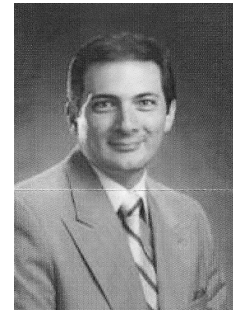
MISSOURI Lodge of research

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- Worshipful Master – Stanley M. Thompson**
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Our honored guest speaker will be Worshipful Brother Steven B. Vitale, who has personal experiences from Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 and is noted for his educational paper exploring Plato's influence on modern Freemasonry as seen by his paper, the "Allegory of the Cave", and will give a presentation entitled "When We Are Re-born: The Impact September 11th and Freemasonry Have Had on My Life." Surely this will be a "don't miss" presentation. Plan on being there at our Annual MLR Breakfast for sure this year!



WB Steven Vitale

Tickets could be available at the Lodge of Research table in the hotel lobby on Sunday and Monday, however, seating is limited and reservations should be made NOW!

When: Tuesday Morning, September 27th

Time: 7:00 AM

Price: \$20.00 per ticket - Tickets now available

www.momason.org/LodgeofResearch!

To Kill an American

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America, they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God. An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, "The Statue of Liberty", welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the

homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so, you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

[Written by an Australian Dentist]
(From June 2011 edition of SCRL Newsletter)



I Am Freemasonry

by Ray Vaughan Denslow, FPS

I AM FREEMASONRY, I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days

¶ when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and symmetry.

IN MY HEART is wisdom and strength and courage of those who ask. Upon my altars is the Book of the Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God. My sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and death, and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

MY ARMS ARE WIDESPREAD to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I will accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereby, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult.

I LIFT UP the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphan's cry, the widow's tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger.

AT THE END I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal Universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life.

I AM FREEMASONRY



Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

--Michael Jordan



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 SECTION
 SUBORDINATE
 THREE
 TILED
 TIME
 TRIAL
 UNION
 WILLFUL

RULES FOR PLAY:

You must *circle each of the letters individually* in each of the words listed above. Then check off or line out the word 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 those 8 letters left which have not been circled. Write down **these letters only**, from upper left to lower right and this will spell out the word you are to find.

Oh, by the way. The answer to our last puzzle was: **FRATERNITY**

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them!

--Harold J. Smith

