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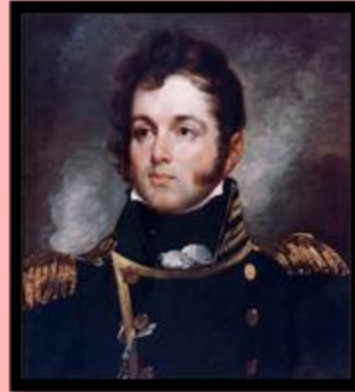
The Worshipful

Anthony G. Yardé

Master of the Lodge

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On the Square



Brother Oliver Hazard Perry
Commodore ~ United States Navy
1785-1819

From the East

Anthony Yardé, Worshipful Master

Greetings, Brethren:

June is the month designated by Grand Lodge to decide on whether or not dues should be changed. Therefore, after spirited discussion, both for and against, it was voted that the dues be increased by \$10.00 for 2012. Annual Lodge dues for 2012 will be \$160.00

A big "thank you" goes out to the brethren who assisted and supported the Shriners Fest, June 9-12. We also wish to thank the brethren who worked at Enlow Field on Saturday morning, June 11, fingerprinting kids.

Lodge Visitations:

6-9-11 Gentryville Lodge #424 for an Entered Apprentice Degree
6-11-11 Bingham Lodge in Marion, KY, for a Master Mason Degree

I wish all of you to join me in saluting this great nation of ours on its 235th birthday! Happy Birthday, America!

~ Anthony





Brother John Bannister Gibson
1780-1853



On July 4th, our Gibson County neighbors will be celebrating **John Gibson Day** at Oakland City Lodge.

The festivities are scheduled to start at 6 AM. *Yes that is 6:00 in the morning!* That may sound early, but can you think of a more perfect time of day for enjoying the gathering of your fellow brothers to welcome a new man into our fraternity? After the first section we will all gather inside of the lodge room to enjoy a delicious, hot breakfast and then resume the very inspiring degree work by our good brothers from Gibson County. This event has always proved itself to be a memorable morning for those who are in attendance. Don't cheat yourself out of a very good morning.

Come join us. I hope to see you there. If you need a ride, contact me, and we will see about setting up some travel plans. Kenny Roy ~ SW 484-9625 or kekaroy@att.net




My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy! ~Thomas Jefferson

Council of Deliberation

2011

By Kenneth Roy, Jr.

everal of us from Evansville #64, who are also Evansville Scottish Rite Masons, attended the annual Scottish Rite "Council of Deliberation" in Fort Wayne, Indiana from June 24th through June 26th. Usually whenever Masons gather and enjoy each other's company, remarkable things happen; this trip was no different.

First, Evansville #64s' own treasurer and Past Master, James West, was honored by the Scottish Rite Council for his many years of Meritorious Service to Masonry. As part of his award, he received the traditional Scottish Rite "Red Cap" and a "Meritorious Service" jewel, underscoring this prestigious accomplishment. Congratulations go out to this very worthy brother of whom we can all be proud.

A second momentous event occurred when Masons from all over the state gathered at the Fort Wayne Masonic Temple on June 26th at 9:00 AM. We gathered to parade to Trinity Episcopal Church to attend the Feast of the Ss. John with our Grand Master, Greg Wallbridge. Once everyone arrived at the Temple, we lined up behind Grand Master Wallbridge, and the members of the Grand Lodge led the procession. With a full police escort from the Fort Wayne Police Department, a large number of Masons from around the state, processed in two columns of two men abreast through the downtown streets of Fort Wayne, all wearing our Masonic aprons and jewels. It was a sight to behold!

When we arrived at the church, our brothers filed into the sanctuary, filling the seats reserved for our members' use. Our numbers were enough that we filled about half of the available congregational seating. We were all made to feel very welcomed. Grand Master Wallbridge even took an active part in the service, reading some of the lessons.

Personally, I had a joyful surprise: while waiting to line up for the parade at the Fort Wayne Temple, a gentleman walked up to me and began to speak to me. To my surprise, this was a man whom I had known for twenty-five years or more. He and I had worked together at the sheriff's office, many, many years ago and had become very good friends. Sadly, there came a time when he, Ed Fodrea, came to the decision that he needed to move on, possibly going back to school and maybe seeking a career change. Wishing him well, we parted company those many years ago. Ed and I had not seen each other in over twenty-three years. This morning, we were blessed to renew our friendship. He is now living in Fort Wayne and is a very active member of the Masonic Family in that area.

It truly is a small world! I have not only found an old friend, I have discovered that he is now also my brother! ~kr



Feat of the Holy Ss. John ~ 2011
Trinity Episcopal Church
Fort Wayne, IN
The Reverend Thomas P. Hansen poses with Grand Line Officers



JULY FUND RAISERS

SUMMER MUSICAL, JULY 14, CENTRE
MOVIES AT MESKER. JULY 15, MESKER
SUMMER MUSICAL, JULY 17, CENTER



LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 4th

Dark – Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5th

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 11th

Stated Meeting

Monday, July 18th

Degree

Monday, July 25th

Degree

Monday, August 1st

Executive Committee Meeting

Degree

Monday, August 8th

Stated Meeting

Monday, August 15th

Degree / Practice

Monday, August 22nd

Lodge of Instruction

Saturday, August 27th

Strangers Rest will be hosting a one day class with the MM degree being conferred out of doors.

Monday, August 29th - *Changed due to Lodge of Instruction*

Rusty Nail Degree

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. Abraham Lincoln

I was born in the distant past, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of **G**od.

I have been tried through the ages, and found true. **T**he crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations bear testament to the skill of my hands.

I strive for beauty, for symmetry and order.

In my heart is *wisdom* and *strength* and *beauty* for those who ask. **U**pon my altars is the **B**ook of **H**oly **W**rit, and my prayers are to the **O**ne **O**mnipotent **G**od, my sons work and pray together, each as they wont, without rancour or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber.

In my sight no man is esteemed for his attainment of the external trappings of life and titles, however grand, hold no sway with me. **R**ank is but a guinea stamp, the man himself is the gold.

By signs, symbols and allegories **I** teach the lessons of life and of death, and the relationship of man with his **G**od 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** accept good men and teach them to use my tools in the building of themselves and others into better men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection, so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift 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 political party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to **G**od, to their country, to their neighbour and themselves. **M**y sons are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and ever alert to lurking danger.

At the end **I** commend them, as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale, into the glory of everlasting life. **I** teach them to contemplate the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe.

Always have **I** taught a belief in immortality of the soul, and even as **I** raise men from native darkness into light, **I** am a way of life, a better place to be and a great way to live.

I am **F**reemasonry.

May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country! ~ Daniel Webster

Global Lodges

(Thank you for returning to this quarter's installment. We will be travelling to Egypt with Past Master Jay West, 32°, MSA, for Part One in our exploration of this remarkable Masonic survival story. –Ed.)

With the turmoil currently raging in Egypt, Masons may be interested in the history of Freemasonry in that country over the years.

After French troops brought Masonry to Egypt with Napoleon's invasion in 1798, the fraternity expanded there. Lodges were chartered by French and German grand lodges, and by the 1860s, there were Italian, English and Scottish lodges at work, as well. Turkish Masons also influenced the Craft there. Naturally, with that many foreign lodges in the country, schisms arose, and several competing grand lodges were formed at various times in Egypt. So called "higher" degrees brought by different rites and supreme councils created further chaos. The dominant grand lodge that seemed to survive the longest was the National Grand Orient of Egypt, and its lodges worked in Arabic, Hebrew, Greek, French, Italian and German.

Egypt's kings, from Isma'il Pasha the Magnificent in the 1860s up through King Farouk in the 1950s, were made honorary grand masters in the National Grand Orient of Egypt, although none are believed to have been actually initiated into lodges. Masonry was an important link between Egypt and Western thought. After the end of WWII and Egypt's humiliating losses in Palestine to the brand new state of Israel in 1948, Freemasonry was branded as a Zionist organization (along with the B'nai B'rith, which was patterned after Masonry, and had lodges in Cairo and Alexandria). The revolution that pitched Farouk out of the country helped to raise distrust of Masonry, as both a perceived Jewish organization, as well as being a haven for entrenched government and business fat cats.

Freemasonry was under great pressure to close in Egypt by 1954 under the Nationalist Movement and Gamal Abdel Nasser became Prime Minister and the British gave up control of the Suez Canal. It was officially outlawed in 1964. Masonry still gets trotted out as a boogymen periodically in Egypt, as in other Muslim countries. Rotary Clubs frequently come under fire as being nothing more than Masonry in sheep's clothing. *(to be continued...)*



A Cairo Lodge in the 1940's under a picture of King Farouk

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