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ARGUMENT FOR OR AGAIST GRAND MASTER'S CLASS EXCERPTS FROM A COORESPONDENCE BY **Robert Kreisler**

For the record, I agree with observations that the "vicarious" nature of the auditorium setting is not the best way to pursue the degrees. Furthermore, I would strongly counsel my friends whom I hope will also become involved, to favor the traditional method. As you note, it's the journey, not the destination, that's at least as, if not more, important. However, one of the core tenets of the craft is that each man must decide for himself what's right or wrong. Is not our uniquely Masonic/American foundation built upon the concept that no man can tell another what to do, let alone inhibit his options? Is not our Masonic/American civilization built upon the premise that the freedom of **MORE** personal choices are better than **LESS**, that one size does not fit all, and that there are many "roads to Rome"?

During the heyday of the Craft, from the late 1800's through the 1950's, Masonry was aptly suited to survive and grow via the methods of communication at the time. Social gatherings. Family events. Personal contact. Most Brethren in those days never traveled more than 50 miles away from their homes in the span of their lives. But in today's world, most of us travel 50 miles each way to get to work each day.

There can be no dispute that there are more demands on our time in pursuit of survival than ever before. Gone are the days when the wife stayed home and the husband brought home the bacon. Americans of today are working harder and harder, for less and less, because our Government keeps taking more and more away from our income. It's increasingly hard for us to earn enough to pay taxes so that we can keep our households solvent. With less time on our hands, there has to be a more succinct and compelling REASON WHY a man would want to explore Masonry. In short, we're dealing with what is simply a marketing challenge. We must overcome the "noise" of other demands on a man's time, by creating a clear and compelling reason for why he wants to take what little time he has, away from his other endeavors, and devote it to himself, and the Craft. I have yet to meet one Mason so far in my travels who has successfully been able to state that case. Succinctly, in an age when our lives have global reach through cell phones and the internet, Masonry is still relying on the equivalent of stone knives and bearskins to preserve the Craft.

Yet the challenge remains... how to bring good, worthy men, into the Fraternity? If the One Day Class is an anathema, and "solicitation" is also taboo, are we content to allow ourselves to continue to sit idly by and watch our Fraternity die a slow and agonizing death through dwindling membership? "Something's gotta give".

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**Scioto
Commandery
#35
Circleville
Inspection**

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**Chillicothe
Chapter #419
Order of
Eastern Star
7:30 pm**

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**Lancaster
Commandery
Annual
Inspection**

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**Fifth Capitular
District
Royal Arch^o
Portsmouth
Masonic
Temple**

May 4

I received a telephone call from R.W.B. Terry G. Moore. Seventh District Advisor, that R.W.B. and Deputy Grand Master, Norman J. Mick has requested his roll out program be held Friday evening June 21, 2013 at 7:30 pm, registration at 6:30 at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

William Bennett

HARRY STARK COUNCIL #186 A.M.D.

The Allied Masonic Degrees are detached degrees which were conferred under Craft Warrants and formed a part of the loosely governed Freemasonry which eliminated all, save the three Craft degrees and the Royal Arch. The other degrees were worked in Craft Lodges in both America and the British Isles. When Freemasonry discontinued the working of outside degrees although they were perpetuated and finally formed their own supreme heads. They were finally together under a governing head and hence the title of "Allied Masonic Degrees". They have been allied together for mutual benefit and perpetuation. Membership in an Allied Council is limited by law to twenty-seven, and then only by invitation. It is predicated upon Royal Arch Masonry.

Harry Stark Council #186 of the Allied Masonic Degrees meets every month having a fifth Monday. These meetings are social in nature for members and their ladies.

Bonded Winery Established in 1972, located on the banks of the beautiful Ohio River on scenic highway US 52 in Adams County. Featuring casual dining at its best with great food, award winning Ohio Valley wine and an uncompromising view sure to make Moyer's your favorite spot along the river. Welcome back...to what dining out was meant to be, either on our deck over looking the river or in our comfortable dining room with views of the vineyard and river. Escape and unwind, come and enjoy a glass of Moyer wine, lunch, dinner or one of our grand finale desserts.



WIDOW DATABASE

Worshipful Brother William Bennett is creating a contact database for Masonic Widows. The information will be confidential to the operation of the office for contact purposes for special events held at the Chillicothe Masonic Temple.

The custom of including Masonic Widows as guests to all our special events is a long held tradition. These events include the Christmas social, Ladies and Widows Night Banquet, Veterans' Night Honors Banquet, Top Scholars Banquet, Chicken Noodle Dinner, Annual fish fry and other programs.

The communication tool has been limited to **The Trestle Board**, however a more immediate means of contacting our Masonic Widow is needed. Call the Office of the Secretary at 774-3485 and leave your phone contact information or write to the office at 57 East Main Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 4560.

Issues requiring an update:

- Address
- Phone Number
- Email address

FISH FRY 2013

This event is on scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2013 in Yoctangee Park. The hours of operation is 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Proceeds are used to offset expenses of the Scioto Lodge #6 Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be available May 6, 2013. Approximately 1100 tickets will be mailed to members of Scioto Lodge. Support for the fish fry comes from Brethren who live out of state and for their contributions Scioto Lodge extends a hearty **"Thank you"**.

Brother Mark I Cooper has been named chairman for the event. Needless to say it is time for **"ALL HANDS ON DECK'!!!!** Brother Cooper has his own business and his time will be taxed, please commit to volunteer for all day or for half day, but do put yourself in the task force to make it a great fund raiser.

ADDITION TO ARCHIVES .

March 26, 2013 The following email was received: While cleaning out an old chest I purchased, I found a number of playbills and other items of interest pertaining to the Masonic Lodge in Chillicothe, the Masonic Opera House and also the Walnut Street Methodist Church. Many of the articles date to the late 1800's. I would like to know if you are interested in these items for your museum. The chest originally belonged to a family named Wissler and I suspect that many of the Wissler family were Masons belonging to your lodge. I am a member of Mountain Lodge #99, A.F. & A.M., Frostburg, MD and I know that we continually try to keep our past recorded and alive. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Worshipful Brother Lynn Newman, Past Master of Mountain Lodge #99

In my conversation with W.B. Newman, He said the chest was found in a home he had purchased and may have belonged to Leona Wissler who married a Mr. Bills. She was formerly a resident of Chillicothe. Wissler was a prominent name in Scioto Lodge #6 during the years between 1853-1916.

Worshipful Brother Newman has three sons in the fraternity and indicated his oldest son is now serving his second term as Worshipful Master of Kensington-Bethesda #198 in Kensington, Maryland. His middle son has been a Fraternal Brother since April of 2012 and his youngest is Master Councilor in the DeMolay Chapter.

Southern cops have a way with words!

These are actual comments made by South Carolina Troopers that were taken off their car videos:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
 2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
 3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
 4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
 5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
 6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
 7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
 8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
 9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
 10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
 11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
 12. *"In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)*
 13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
 14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
 15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief of Police is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
- AND THE WINNER IS....
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

CHILlicothe COMMANDERY #8 K.T. INSPECTION REPORT



Sir Knight Richard Allen Sims was Knighted in ceremonies during the Order of the Temple when Chillicothe Commandery #8 K.T. was inspected March 23, 2013. Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dennis L. Hughes was the inspecting officer. He writes:

Dear Sir Knight David V. Medert,

It was my pleasure to inspect your fine Commandery March 23, 2013. I found your records both Recorder and Treasurer in fine shape and being handled very well. Your Officers, Ladies, and the 4th Division seem to be very supportive and will step up if you need help.

It was good to meet your Lady, and her Daughter and Little ones. I love to hear youngsters chortle and talk. David I also wanted to thank you for the beautiful pen you made for me. I am a collector and this one will go to the top of my collection. Thanks again, By the way, I put your \$5.00 in a card that my Lady Susan sent to you. I knew she would get her card out to you before I finalized your inspection. I honestly forgot to give it back to both of you and Dale. Sorry.

Your Junior Warden did a fine job on the pre-chamber and chamber lectures. Your Prelate did a very good job. It is great to see these younger Sir Knights taking part and doing such splendid work. All of your officers are to be commended for a very fine inspection. As always it was great to see my partner in crime, Sir Knight Gerry Pugh. Also a big thanks to Sir Knight Dale Exline and his Lady June. Thank you, Dale, for buying Susan's and my lunch. But be careful where you post that picture. I will be sending a positive report to the Grand Commander on the results of your inspection. **Photos:** Top left to right: Inspection Candidate Richard A. Sims and his lady, Lady Hughes and Dennis Hughes, Eminent Commander David V. Medert. Bottom: Commandery Ladies.



COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 15, 2013

- Candidate Greet Meet Chillicothe Masonic Temple 6:00 pm. All Candidate's for Grand Master's Classes need to attend this orientation meeting. Mentors should attend to learn their role.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

- Grand Master's Class Dayton Masonic Temple

Saturday, May 11, 2013

- Grand Master's Class Portsmouth Masonic Temple and Aladdin Temple Shrine

Monday, May 13, 2013

- Top Scholars Banquet. Reservations are required by calling 774-3485 or 649-1815. Deadline is May 9, 2013

Thursday, May 30th, Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1, 2013

- Chillicothe York Rite Festival **Thursday**—Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. Degrees. **Friday**, Final Chapter Degree and Degrees of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. **Saturday**, June 1st Orders of Chillicothe Commandery #8 Knights Templar.

FROM THE DESK OF MATTHEW SCHETTER INSPECTOR OF THE SIXTH ARCH

With the weather finally starting to cooperate and the Cryptic year coming very quickly to a close there is much to discuss. During April you will be receiving a visit from either myself or one of our Adjutants. You will be getting your diabetic kids camps mailers and some other reminders while we are there.

Spring School of Instruction

I plan on hosting the school of instruction at Logan Hocking Middle. Three years ago we had a large group [complete] the CELL courses and I was very proud. The Courses are now [available] online and have a new Certificate and Pin to go with them and the best news of all it is FREE. If you have never done the CELL courses, or just want a refresher, we will be working through test one as a group at this School. I am tentatively setting the date for **May 4 at 12:00**. It would be nice to see many attend this year. It is a great time to refresh our knowledge and learn a few things that we thought we already knew. The Cell Courses are available to all Companions of Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M. Contact the Office of the Recorder at 774-3485 or 649-1815. I would like to thank Athens and Chillicothe for their quick response to my request on a short informational article about each of your councils. Unfortunately I wasn't able to organize the article I would have liked to have done because I didn't receive information from many others.

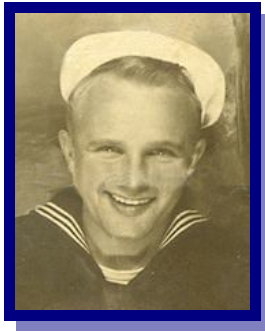
We Remember

March 10, 2013

Brother and Companion

Andrew Martin

Andy's favorite song was "O, What a Savior" and he passed into His arms at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Westmoreland Place.



He was born June 29, 1923, in Portsmouth, Ohio, to the late Jerry and Louise Sutterfield Martin. On June 11, 1950, he married the former C. Jane Anthony who survives.

Andy served in the U.S. Navy as navigator/musician on the USS Pittsburgh during World War II. On March 1, 1986, he retired from the Mead Corporation where he had worked for 44 years. Andy was a member of Scioto Lodge #6 F. & A. M., Chillicothe Chapter #4 R.A.M. and Chillicothe Council #4 R. & S.M.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4-7: "I have fought the good fight. I have completed the race. I have kept the faith."

Widow's Notes



I just wanted to let you know how very much I enjoy the cards at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. I thank you so much for remembering me,

Judy (Randolph) Digges

Stephen J. Steele..... Worshipful Master
Michael L. Hines.....Excellent High Priest
Michael K. Burchwell.....Illustrious Master
David V. Medert.....Eminent Commander
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DIRECTORY CORRECTION

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Corrections to the 2013 Directory may be submitted via email. Indicate page number and the specific information that requires correction.

??Directory Re-Print ??

The Worshipful Master has appointed a committee to review the Official Chillicothe Masonic Directory and schedule a reprint. The Office of the Secretary has received calls and emails regarding errors in the 2013 that was recently mailed to your home. Your feedback is most appreciated, please continue to let me know of errors that you find so I can make note of them.

Brother John W. Malone, Right Worshipful Brother Roger Bost, Right Worshipful Brother David V. Medert, Excellent High Priest Michael L. Hines, Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Steele and Worshipful Brother William Bennett will be meeting in the coming weeks to assess the current edition and make corrections and updates as required.

This is the first publication since the last directory was issued September 30, 2000. Reprint is under discussion and advisement.

Your patience is appreciated while this endeavor is being pursued.

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THE REST OF THE STORY...

STORY NUMBER TWO.....

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2. Butch O'Hare was the son of "Easy Eddie", attorney for Al Capone.

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