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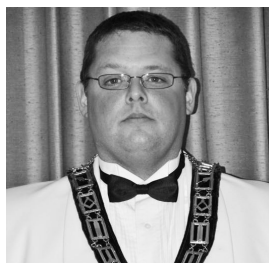
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The Masters Message

John P. Hamblett, Worshipful Master



Greetings from the East. I wanted to take some time this month to talk about friendship. Not just any friendship, but Masonic friendship. A bond that unites like minded men together, like brothers, like family. Non-Masons often have observed that there exists between Masons an elusive something that creates a spirit of friendly

relationship between Masons. It is to be noted that strangers who meet and discover that both are members of the Craft immediately feel a kinship with each other. Masons recognize this mutual feeling and describe it as the "tie that binds" but this general description mystifies and intrigues non-members. He notes the friendly feeling that exists between the members though they may have just met, but he does not realize that when Masons meet for the first time they instinctively feel a close relationship because of the unique teaching methods used in the conferring of the three degrees, whereby certain obligations are assumed which bind Masons to a high moral code which makes them better men on the spiritual and moral level. I understand that as men we have strong opinions regarding certain things and have a need to influence those who think differently. But we must remember that even though another brother my not see eye to eye with you on a particular subject we must always remember we are linked by obligation on a higher level and need to respect others, open our minds to differing opinions just as we open our minds in the search for more light. Sometimes we must agree to disagree and move on. I have been reminded of this lately, in several aspects of my life. My way of thinking is not "The" way, it's just "A" way and there are various ways to do or go about things. But at the end of the day my friends are my friends and no matter what, through thick and thin I am there for them and they for me. You are my friends and brothers and I am grateful for your support and remember I am here for you.

Fraternally,
John Hamblett

Masonic Education

W.: Jim Bannerman
Lodge Instructor

Each month for the past several months, as part of our Masonic education, I have highlighted one of our Masonic appendent bodies. This month it is the Shrine.

The Shriners



In 1870, there were several thousand Masons in [Manhattan](#), many of whom lunched at the Knickerbocker Cottage at a special table on the second floor. There, the idea of a new fraternity for Masons stressing fun and fellowship was discussed. [Walter](#)

[M. Fleming](#), M.D., and [William J. Florence](#) took the idea seriously enough to act upon it.

Florence, a world-renowned actor, while on tour in [Marseilles](#), was invited to a party given by an [Arabian](#) diplomat. The entertainment was something in the nature of an elaborately staged musical comedy. At its conclusion, the guests became members of a secret society. Florence took copious notes and drawings at his initial viewing and on two other occasions, once in [Algiers](#) and once in [Cairo](#). When he returned to [New York](#) in 1870, he showed his material to Fleming.

Fleming took the ideas supplied by Florence and converted them into what would become the “**Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.)**”. Fleming created the ritual, emblem and costumes. Florence and Fleming were initiated August 13, 1870, and initiated 11 other men on June 16, 1871.

In 2010, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as well as Shriners North America, changed its name to **Shriners International**, now covering nearly 200 temples (chapters) across the North America, South America, Europe, and Southeast Asia. The organization is best-known for the [Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) that they administer and the red [fezzes](#) that members wear. The organization is headquartered in [Tampa, Florida](#). Shriners International describes itself as a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. There are approximately 340,000 members from 194 temples (chapters) in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Republic of Panama, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Europe and Australia.

Shriners often participate in local [parades](#), sometimes

as rather elaborate units: miniature vehicles in themes (all sports cars; all miniature 18-wheeler trucks; all fire engines, and so on), an “Oriental Band” dressed in cartoonish versions of Middle Eastern dress; pipe bands, drummers, motorcycle units, Drum and Bugle Corps, and even traditional brass bands.

Despite its theme, the Shrine is not connected to Islam. It is a men’s fraternity rather than a religion or religious group. Its only religious requirement is indirect: all Shriners must be Masons, and petitioners to Freemasonry must profess a belief in a [Supreme Being](#). To further minimize confusion with religion, the use of the word “Temple” to describe Shriners’ buildings has been replaced by “Shrine Center,” although individual local chapters are still called “Temples.”

Until 2000, before being eligible for membership in the Shrine, a person had to complete either the [Scottish Rite](#) or [York Rite](#) degrees of Masonry, but now any [Master Mason](#) can join.



Michael D. Star

Our newest Entered Apprentice



At our stated meeting on August 18th. Halifax #81 initiated its newest Entered Apprentice Mason, Michael D. Star. Brother Star was born and raised on Long Island N.Y. He graduated from Hofstra University and with his wife Jaymie moved to Ormond Beach in 2001. Our Senior Deacon Gary Wisniewski officiated in the East and the lecture was given by W.: Jon Greaves.

Further light in Masonry

S.W. Sean Stenson



After untold years, the main Lodge Room at Halifax #81 is enjoying further light in Masonry through the contributions of Brothers, Sisters, and friends of Halifax #81. With the summer coming to an end, so too is the final push of this summers renovation efforts.

The third week of August saw damaged and missing ceiling tiles repaired and or replaced. The 6 newly exposed windows in the lodge room now have framing and a new coat of paint. The Lodge Room floor, at the time of this writing, has three fresh coats of polyurethane too. With the natural light pouring through the six nearly 8 foot high windows and hitting the gloss of the polyurethane, further light in Masonry becomes not just an idea but becomes manifest which isn't only seen, but felt, in this grand old Lodge.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks go out to all who contributed. Space doesn't allow for individually thanking you all, but thanks to all those who gave their money, time, (time is money), bids, materials, and guidance. In other words, on behalf of W:. M.: John Hamblet and all the Brethren of Halifax Lodge # 81 F. & A. M., thank you all for your support. Without which none of this would be possible.

Although summer is coming to an end the work on renovations isn't. Drapes will be needed in the Main Lodge room as will a new paint job. The Old Lodge Room will also be getting refurbished including but not limited too; scraping, painting, and sanding.

Be part of Halifax's refurbish. Come see Halifax's ongoing refurbishing. Volunteer, contribute, or both. All are welcome as we work together getting this Landmark

spruced back up and standing soundly & proudly for our future Brothers and Sisters and community. If you'd like to be a part, contact an officer for schedule of work or send your contribution care of the Lodge and mark in the memo, "Building Fund." Again, thank you all for what you've done and your continued support for what will be done!

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

There are still a number of Lodge Members who have not paid their 2011 dues to the Lodge. YOUR Lodge counts on your financial support to stay afloat. Please look at your Dues Card and make sure it is a 2011 Dues Card.

Dues notices for 2012 will be mailed to each active Lodge Member sometime in late October. Your prompt attention to paying your dues will go a long way supporting Halifax Lodge. If I can be of service to any member please don't hesitate contacting me.

Fraternally
Bill Evans, Secretary

Halifax Lodge #81 F. & A. M.

September 1. Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm
DDGM Official Visit

September 8. Officers practice

Light dinner 6:30pm Practice 7:00pm

September 15. Called Communication

Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm
Fellowcraft Degree

Halifax Lodge #81 Trestle Board

Awaiting the Master Mason Degree

Brother Matthew Vaitkunas

Awaiting the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Donald E. Needham
Brother Athul Radkarishnan
Brother Ferando Fernandez
Brother Michael Silverman
Brother Michael D. Star

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Harold Powell	1978	William Broughton *	2002
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J. P. Yelvington	1981	William Broughton *	2003
Edwin L. Sanders	1982	Richard M. Geyer	2004-05
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