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Greetings from the East

I would like to update everybody on the recent “flood” at Theodore Breck Lodge. As you may or may not have heard, on the weekend of January 1-2 a pipe broke in the dining area of the Lodge. Part of the ceiling fell down and the carpet and pad were ruined. Luckily our Junior Deacon, Mike Sorbin, was there for a MM practice on January. Mike and his son removed the soaked carpet and saved the Lodge room from any further damage. The leak has since been fixed, the new carpet has been ordered and needed further repairs are underway. Temple Board President WB Al Schneider is coordinating the repair efforts. My thanks to Mike and Al.

In the meantime, we are able to use the Lodge room and have a busy schedule. We will have conferred the Master Masons degree on Brother Daniel Vondereau on February 22, 2011 and have two Entered Apprentice degrees scheduled for March 1, 2011. Our annual inspection will be on March 22, 2011 with our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Mitchell L. Alperin. May 3, 2011 will be “Awards Night.” We have several 25-year and 50-year members to be recognized. The Lodge will also participate in the Brecksville Bi-centennial parade on Memorial Day. June 15th is hot dog night and the site is TBA. I have contacted the Worshipful Master at Acacia Lodge and we will once again join them for our family picnic in July date and time TBA. I would like to conduct an outdoor raising at a special meeting in August again the time and date TBA.

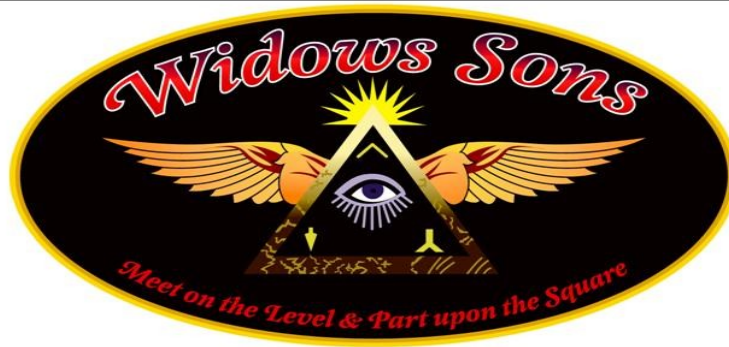
I would like our Lodge to increase attendance at Lodge Inspections. Several of the line officers have been joining me at inspections and all members are encouraged to attend inspections. Please join me and the other officers in attending one or two Lodge Inspections this year. The schedule can be found at: www.ohiodistrict22.org. Contact Brother Ken Deyling and coordinate your attendance at inspections.

Please plan to join me in 2011 and support our Lodge.

Fraternally,

James N Haber, Worshipful Master.





Widows Sons Bowling Bash

Saturday • April 30, 2011

8:00pm Check in

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FLOOD

Our Beloved Theodore Breck Lodge has suffered a major blow to its Dining Room and the law offices below. Due to the extreme cold temperatures the furnace went out and the pipes above the Dining Room burst. All is not lost however we will be back together within the next few weeks... Stay Tuned...





Who Was Hiram Abiff?

Hiram Abiff, we know, was a widow's son. He was the son of a man of Tyre, but his mother was an Israelite, said in one record to have been of the tribe of Naphtal, and in another, of the "daughters of Dan."

His mother was indeed a native of the tribe of Dan, but her first husband was of the tribe of Naphtali, to whom Hiram was probably born. After the death of the first husband, she then married a man of Tyre, and her son was brought up as a Tyrian and fully educated and trained in the arts of that land. Tyre was one of the principal seats of the Dionysiac fraternity of artificers, a Society engaged exclusively in the construction of edifices and united in a secret organization, subsequently imitated by the Operative Masons of the Temple. Hiram Abiff was quite probably a member of this organization, and learned much from this privilege. In assuming his work at Jerusalem, he introduced among the workmen the same exact system of discipline that he had found so advantageous in the Dionysiac Secret Society. From this secret society of operative masons there was evolved the Order of Speculative Masons, of which Hiram Abiff was the first Grand Master.

His mother, being a Daughter of Dan, the fifth son of Jacob, endowed Hiram with characteristics of this tribe. This tribe was said to be bold, courageous, daring and cunning. The banner of Dan was blue. This may be an origin for the choice of blue as a Masonic color.

In Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 13 & 14, Hiram King of Tyre tells Solomon about the man he has sent to oversee the work of the Temple:

“And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father’s, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device in which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.”

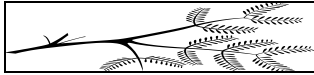
Obviously a good man to supervise the construction of a building containing all those materials and to manage all the workers.

It appears that Naphtali was also the fifth son of Jacob. The Lord, in Deuteronomy 33:23, says “O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the Lord, Possess thou the west and the south.” In the same Chapter, the Lord refers to Dan as “a lion’s whelp.”

All of this together, shows us that our character Hiram Abiff, is a wrapping of many Masonic symbols and characteristics. He inherits possession of the west and south, descended from the tribe that possessed the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (a symbolic reference to Christ) and possesses skills critical to the mastery of his craft. The mystery of who he is still remains, for while there are references to Hiram in his character as a craftsman, there is no Biblical reference to the name Abiff which is uniquely Masonic. (By Jim Pullins, Pleasant Valley #531)



In Memory of our
Departed Brothers...



Donald G. Beears - 93
Born: 03/15/1918
E. Apprentice: 03/25/1961
Fellow Craft: 05/02/1961
Master Mason: 06/06/1961
Passed to Eternal Rest:
01/21/2011

Charles C. Harding, PM -84
Born: 03/07/1927
E. Apprentice: 02/26/1954
Fellow Craft: 04/02/1954
Master Mason: 05/14/1954
Passed to Eternal Rest:
02/02/2011

Jerry A. Doubrava - 85
Born: 03/21/1926
E. Apprentice: 11/24/1952
Fellow Craft: 12/15/1952
Master Mason: 01/05/1953
Passed to Eternal Rest:
02/15/2011

Ladies & Widows Night 2011



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**Tuesday Mar. 1, 7:30PM -Stated Meeting/
 Two EA degrees**
**Tuesday Mar. 15, 7:30PM -Stated Meeting/
 LEO Talk- "Heroes "**
**Tuesday Mar. 22, 7:00PM -Special Meeting/
 Inspection Night - FC Degree**
**Tuesday Apr. 5, 7:30PM -Stated Meeting/
 Special Education Program**
**Tuesday Apr. 19, 7:30PM -Stated Meeting/
 LEO Talk- "Lasting Influence"**

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