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*The Fraternity within The Fraternity*

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## Largest Masonic Initiation in Ohio History Held in 10 Cities

**O**n Saturday, April 27, 2002, the Ohio Masonic fraternity initiated more than 7,700 candidates as part of its first-ever, one day initiation. The ceremony was held in 10 cities around the state, with numbers of candidates varying by city from as low as 263 to as high as 1,644.

"This is very likely the largest fraternal initiation in history," said M.W. Thomas E. Reynolds, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. "I've been overwhelmed by the success of this one-day initiation program. The last time we took in numbers like this was 1957, when we initiated 8,500 new members over the course of a full year. The success of this program has brought us a well-needed infusion of a variety of men."

The 7,700 new members represent a wide spectrum of professions and ages. "We have several city mayors, a theoretical physicist, and an immunologist, who are now active Masons. One new member is Warren G. Harding III, great nephew of President, Warren G. Harding, who joined the same Masonic Lodge in Marion, Ohio where the President was a member. "The one day initiation was an excellent opportunity for me to get involved and be a part of history," said Harding. President Harding, who along with three other Ohio Presidents, were active Masons.

Traditionally, new members join the Masonic Fraternity by participating in three progressive initiation ceremonies, or degrees. These degrees are solemn, and each teaches lessons in character improvement. Normally, the ceremonies are conferred at local Lodges and intervals of two weeks to two months or more may occur between them.

"Obviously, eliminating the apparent obstacle of time was extremely attractive to our large group of new members," according to M.W. George Braatz, Grand Secretary for the Ohio Masonic fraternity. "Our analysis also shows that the new members were influenced by the opportunity to become part of the fraternity's many charitable and community efforts." These included business executives, factory workers, retirees and even a very talented tattoo artist, to point out just a few," commented Reynolds. "The youngest is 19 and the oldest is 99."

Masonic charitable work in Ohio encompasses a wide variety of projects such as awarding scholarships, sponsoring training for teachers, disaster relief, sponsoring Special Olympic athletes for the summer games, and the hosting of two summer life-skills camps for at-risk youth.

"Part of our success is also a result of a recent public awareness campaign, which included advertising at movie theaters and creating a new web page," said Braatz.

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## FCC proposes two new amateur bands!

**G**ood news for ham radio week! The FCC has proposed going along with ARRL's request for a new domestic (US-only), secondary HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.4 MHz. The FCC also is ready to permit operation on a 136 kHz "sliver band" in the low-frequency (LF) region. And, in response to a third ARRL request, the FCC has proposed elevating Amateur Radio to primary status at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

"I'm just as tickled as I can be," ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said upon hearing the news. "This is a classic example of our ARRL at work."

The FCC voted unanimously May 2 to adopt the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket 02-98. The Commission released a Public Notice May 9, and the NPRM is expected to be released soon. A comment deadline will be announced as soon as it's available.

The FCC said the new 5 MHz band would help amateurs "better match their choice of frequency to existing propagation conditions." The band, if approved, would be the first new amateur HF allocation since the World Administrative Radio Conference in 1979 gave amateurs 30, 17 and 12 meters--the so-called "WARC Bands." Assuming the 5 MHz band eventually is authorized, it could be a few years before it actually becomes available.

The League said its successful WA2XSY experiments demonstrated that amateurs can coexist with current users and that the band is very suitable for US-to-Caribbean paths. In comparisons

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The initiation ceremonies were held in Akron, Cambridge, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Steubenville, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Because of the size of the various groups, such facilities as the Palace Theater in Columbus, and the First Star Center in Cincinnati were used to accommodate the attendees.

Information about the Ohio Masonic fraternity can be found at: <http://www.freemason.com>.



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**WORDS OF WISDOM  
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

**The Story of Hiram Abiff**

**THE DR. RUSTOM K. R. CAMA  
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By William Harvey

The outstanding figure in modern Freemasonry is undoubtedly the Widow's Son, who is known to members of the Fraternity under the somewhat obscure name of Hiram Abiff. He dominates Craft Masonry and that in spite of the fact that neither the E. A. nor the F.C. knows anything at all about him. It is true that, when the M. M. recites what is called "the first part of the traditional history" to the Fellowcraft, who is on the way to the secret of the third degree, he pays the F. C. the compliment of saying, "As you are doubtless aware," Hiram was the principal architect at the building of King Solomon's Temple. But if the F. C. is so informed, he must have acquired the knowledge apart altogether.

From Freemasonry, as up to that particular moment, no glimpse of the Widow's Son has been obtained in all the ceremonial "of the tribe of Naphtali" - the alteration of the phrase "of the daughters of Dan" - into "of the Tribe of Naphtali," being the more permissible, since Dan lay in the territory of Naphtali.

The clear points that emerge are that Hiram was of mixed race, the son of a brass-worker, and a man so high in his profession as to have secured the patronage of his King, and to have been deemed worthy to uphold the reputation of his country. His exalted position is inferred from the description given by the author of the Chronicles who alludes to him as "Hiram Abi," and the word "Abi," meaning "my father" is usually taken in the sense of "master," a title of respect and distinction.

The name is undoubtedly Phoenician but there is some confusion as to its actual form. "Hiram" is the more common rendering, but the author of the Chronicles adheres to the spelling "Huram" and other writers adopt the variant "Hiron." Mr. J.F. Stenning says "that it is equivalent to "Ahiram" and means "the exalted one," but other scholars regard this derivation as very improbable.

Whatever his real parentage and whatever the exact meaning of his name, the widow's son of Freemasonry reached Jerusalem and was thereafter intimately identified with the building of the Temple. What exact share did he have in that great work?

The editors of "The Jewish Encyclopedia" point out that there is an essential difference as regards the nature of his technical specialty between the account preserved in the First Book of the Kings and that in the Chronicles. According to the former, Hiram was an artificer only in brass, and the pieces which he executed for the Temple were the two pillars Jachin and Boaz, the molten sea with its twelve oxen, the ten layers with their bases, the shovels and basins, all of brass. But in the second book of the

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## Famous Freemasons

- ◆ Edwin E. Aldrin - Astronaut
- ◆ Neil Armstrong - Astronaut
- ◆ General Henry "Hap" Arnold,  
Commander of the Army Air Force
- ◆ Gene Autry - Actor
- ◆ Henry Baldwin - Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ Lloyd Balfour - Jewelry
- ◆ Fredrick A. Bartholdi - Designed the Statue of Liberty
- ◆ Robert E. B. Baylor - Founder of Baylor University
- ◆ Daniel Carter Beard - Founder of the Boy Scouts
- ◆ Lawrence Bell - Bell Aircraft Corporation
- ◆ Ralph Bellamy - Wrote the Pledge of Allegiance
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- ◆ Hugo L. Black - Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ John Blair, Jr., Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ Samuel Blatchford - Supreme Court Justice
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- ◆ James Bowie - Alamo
- ◆ Omar N. Bradley - Military Leader
- ◆ James Buchanan - President of the United States
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who started Freemasonry in Costa Rica in 1865
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- ◆ Thomas C. Clark - Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ William Clark - Explorer
- ◆ John H. Clarke - Supreme Court Justice

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## The Story of Hiram Abiff

Chronicles he is depicted as a man of many parts, and the impression is conveyed that he superintended all the work of the Temple. Josephus seeks to reconcile the two accounts by saying that Hiram was expert in all sorts of work, but that his chief skill lay in working in gold, silver and brass. 

Tnx Wor. Bro. Richard L. "Dick" Blaney, KYCH, WB8MHE  
and Wor. Bro. John Ochmann, WA8NDL

## Our Secrets Are Safe

By: Bro. Gene Meyers

I have often heard Masons remark, "There are no secrets in Masonry." Anyone can find out everything about us at the library, on the Internet, or elsewhere ..... This is not so!

Each of us carries secrets that we cannot share. Any bit of knowledge that we cannot put into words to someone remains our secret. For example, we all know what water tastes like, but we cannot explain to another the taste of water, perhaps because no one has ever told us. Thus, having gained this knowledge through experience, we may only be able to say, "I did not so receive it, nor can I so impart it." How will you tell me? "I will letter or syllable it" may be our only answer. What we are saying is, I will tell you what I know in bits and pieces and let you assemble this information so that you can share this information that I have shared with you.

The secrets of Masonry are much this way. Only bits and pieces can be given out so that only those people knowledgeable of our philosophy, as taught through our catechism and other teachings, can assemble the facts to obtain a total concept.

Brotherhood, loyalty, charity, commitment, help, honesty, integrity, and morality are only words, but when properly assembled, these words reach deep into the roots of the "secrets" of Masonry.

We have many secrets (grips, signs, tokens, words, etc.) that we do not communicate to the public, but these secrets probably don't even really matter.

I have even heard the lost word by continuing my Masonic education in other rites. This is a word I had never heard before, have never heard since, and I don't even know what it means. My life is no richer because I now know the word, but my life is richer now that I have each of you as a Brother.

These secrets that we share unite us into one sacred band that wherever we may roam, we are never alone, but we are always among friends and brothers who are willing to share both our good times and bad times.

I've got a secret! My secret is your secret and our secret is safe!

Tnx THE NORTH CAROLINA MASON  
Bro. Ric Carter, Editor



## Mason- at- Sight Day Coming in Oklahoma

In Oklahoma, as in many other grand lodges, the Grand Master may make a man a Mason without the usual procedures for joining. In Oklahoma the man is given all three degrees in one day and the first and second degree proficiencies are waived.

In hope of reestablishing family connections within the craft, Oklahoma Grand Master Charles Stuckey is holding a Special Mason-at-Sight Day for fathers, sons, grandfathers, and grandsons on Masons. The candidates must follow the usual petition-investigation-ballot process and apply to their family member's lodge. On July 27 they will all receive all three degrees.

Grand Master Stuckey urged all members to "Get a petition, fill it out, write a check for the fees, and then hand it to your son and say, 'Here, sign this!'"

Tnx THE NORTH CAROLINA MASON  
Bro. Ric Carter, Editor



**Brethren!** The July edition of the newsletter will carry the exciting announcement about our newest distinguished Hiram's Ham, Most Worshipful Joseph C. Harrison, WB4YCH, Grand Master of the great Volunteer state of Tennessee! Please welcome him as such!

## Imposters

**I**mposters in Masonry may be either profanes who, never having been initiated, yet endeavor to pass themselves for regular Freemasons, or Masons who, having been expelled or suspended from the Order, seek to conceal the fact and still claim the privileges of members in good standing. The false pretensions of the former class are easily detected, because their real ignorance must after a proper trial become evident. The latter class, having once been invested with the proper instructions, can stand the test of an examination; and their true position must be discovered only by information derived from the Lodges which have suspended or expelled them. The Tiler's oath is intended to meet each of these cases, because it requires every strange visitor to declare that he has been lawfully initiated, and that he is in good standing. But perjury added to imposture will easily escape this test. Hence the necessity for the utmost caution, and therefore the Charges of 1772 say, "You are cautioned to examine a strange brother in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed on by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge."

The Masonic rule is, that it is better that ninety and nine true Brethren be rejected than that one imposter be admitted.

Tnx "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and it's Kindred Sciences"  
By Bro. Albert G. Mackey, 33°

## FULTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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June 9, 2002

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**W**e received this from from Brother Robert "Dan" Short, N8RKX, "ShortCircuit" the Clown, of Elkview, West Virginia. The seal is the logo on his address label attached to his letter with a nice donation, and an order for a Hiram's Hams Cap.



The Square & Compasses are overlaid on the outline of the State of West Virginia, originally in Blue and Gold, the state colors.

Wouldn't this be a nice project for other Grand Jurisdictions?

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8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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## FCC proposes two new amateur bands!

with 80 and 40 meters, the WA2XSY operation also showed the 60-meter band to be the most reliable of the three. The ARRL also argued that a new 150 kHz allocation at 5 MHz could relieve periodic overcrowding on 80 and 40.

If allocated to amateurs on a secondary basis, hams would have to avoid interfering with--and accept interference from--current occupants of the spectrum, as they already do on 30 meters. The band 5.250 to 5.450 MHz now is allocated to Fixed and Mobile services on a co-primary basis in all three ITU regions.

The ARRL asked the FCC for two LF allocations in October 1998--135.7 to 137.8 kHz and 160 to 190 kHz. The FCC said its action on one part of that LF request proposes changes that would enhance the ability of amateur radio operators to conduct technical experiments, including propagation and antenna design experiments, in the 'low frequency' (LF) range of the radio spectrum."

Several countries in Europe and elsewhere already have 136 kHz amateur allocations. The first amateur transatlantic contact on the band was recorded in February 2001. Amateur Service allocation at 2400 to 2402 MHz to primary "seeks to protect current amateur use of this band." Hams have shared their other 2.4 GHz spectrum on a secondary basis with government users.

Amateurs already are primary at 2390 to 2400 and from 2402 to 2417 MHz. The ARRL has said primary status in the intervening spectrum slice was needed "to provide some assurances of future occupancy of the band segments for the next generation of amateur satellites."

The ARRL has expressed its belief that hams can continue to accommodate Part 15 and Part 18 devices at 2.4 GHz.

Tnx ARRL Report 05-10-02

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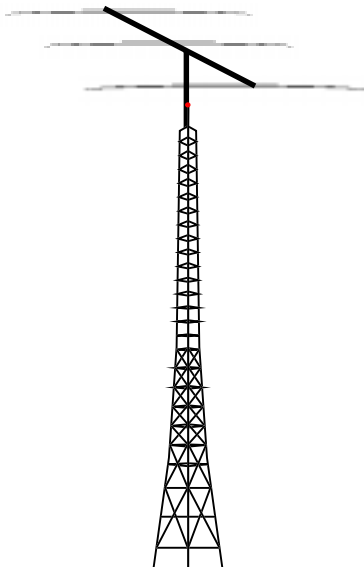
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June 9		Fulton County Amateur Radio Club .....	<a href="http://www.fcarc.8m.com">www.fcarc.8m.com</a> .....	Wauseon, Ohio
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July 20		Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society .....	<a href="http://www.apk.net/noars/hamfest.htm">www.apk.net/noars/hamfest.htm</a> .....	Wellington, OH
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