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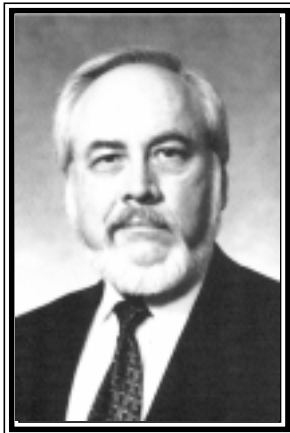
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WELCOME: Most Worshipful Joseph C. Harrison, 33^o, WB4YCH Grand Master of Tennessee, F. & A. M.



Joseph Curtis Harrison was born July 21, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of J. C. and Margarie Harrison. His family moved to Paris, Tennessee in 1952



where he was educated in the public schools of Henry County. He attended several colleges in Tennessee and Missouri receiving degrees in Electronics Engineering Technology, Psychology, Business Administration and Management Information Systems. He is currently employed by Union University, a Christian Liberal Arts College in Jackson, TN., where he is an Associate Professor of Information Systems in the School of Business. Mr. Harrison has taught at five colleges and universities, owned a heavy equipment sales agency, a computer consulting group, worked as an engineering technician, a radio station announcer, and station engineer. His interests include hunting, ham radio, and golf. Mr. Harrison's favorite charities are the Grand Lodge Building Enhancement Fund, Union University's General Fund, and the Memphis Scottish Rite Foundation.

He married Laurel Ellingson on August 3, 1974. Laurel is a Senior Vice President at Union Planters Bank. They have one son, Thomas who is a Financial Services Representative also with Union Planters Bank. Joe and Laurel are members of Bartlett United Methodist Church in Bartlett, TN.

Brother Harrison was raised a Master Mason September 1983 in Bartlett Lodge No. 697 and served as Worshipful Master in 1990. He is a member of the Lodge Board. He served as Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee with Most Worshipful Brother Ben Anderson in 1993 and was a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and the *Vision 2013* Officer Training Committee.

Companion Harrison was exalted in Millington Chapter No. 225 in 1983 and served as High Priest and received the Order of High Priesthood in 1993. He was greeted in Millington Council

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AMSAT'S OSCAR 7 SATELLITE RETURNS FROM THE DEAD!

After being declared dead more than 20 years ago, the AMSAT-OSCAR 7 satellite suddenly came back to life. First heard in June by Pat Gowan, G3IOR, AO-7 subsequently has been monitored—and used again—by several other amateurs. AO-7 was launched November 15, 1974. It remained operational for more than six years before succumbing to battery failure in 1981.

"I'm blown away," was the reaction of AO-7 Project Manager Jan King, W3GEY. "So, this old war horse of a spacecraft seems to have come back from the dead if only for a few moments."

Exclaimed satellite enthusiast and AMSAT Vice President for User Services Bruce Paige, KK5DO, "This is really awesome!" Paige said the latest turn of events makes AO-7 the oldest amateur satellite that's still working. AMSAT-NA has now listed AO-7 as "semi-operational."

AMSAT says it seems certain the satellite is running only off its solar panels, not from the onboard batteries, so it will be operational only while it's in sunlight. King speculates that the batteries, which shorted as they failed two decades ago, now are "unshorting" and causing the satellite to come back to life.

For those attempting to use AO-7, Mode A (2 meters up/10 meters down) is not a problem, but Mode B (70 cm up/2 meters down) is. Because of changes in the international Radio Regulations that went into effect in the 1970s as AO-7 was under construction, the 432.1 MHz uplink frequency is no longer authorized for space communications.

AMSAT advises potential users that when uplinking to a satellite, they are operating in the Amateur-Satellite Service. AMSAT says uplinking to AO-7 "is possibly illegal since the Amateur Satellite Service is not permitted at 432.1 MHz." The current band plan earmarks the 432.1 MHz range for weak signal work. Sections 97.207(c)(2) and 97.207(b)(2) of the FCC's rules authorize space station and earth station operation only in the 435-438 MHz segment.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

PART ONE

The Initiation into the Ancient Persian Magi, and a Curious Legend of Hiram Abif, Solomon, and the Queen of Sheba

Thousands of years ago there was a wonderful secret organization in Persia whose underground quarters and equipment for the ceremonial admission of men who sought membership in it were on so large a scale, and involved so much time and expense, that compared with it, the most elaborate and costly spectacular productions on the modern stage seem paltry.

A man applied for initiation into this society. To test his sincerity and fitness he was subjected to a period of probation which continued through several months, and was undergone in utter solitude in the silence and darkness of a subterranean cave. This ordeal had dethroned the reason of more than one who had undertaken it; and was concluded with a fast of Fifty Days duration. This is what happened to the candidate when finally admitted to the Mysteries:

He was led by a grotesque figure to a dangerous precipice, from which he felt his way to the deep interior of a gloomy cavern, where he was confronted by a hideous object which directed him toward a place whence came the howls of ravenous wild beasts. Suddenly seized by unseen hands he was thrust into the faintly lighted den of animals and instantly attacked by what seemed to be lions, tigers, wolves and other vicious beasts, but were in fact members of the Society cunningly made up to resemble them.

Through this horrible place he had been directed to make his way, and was tossed, pulled, trampled upon and buffeted before he escaped, covered with bruises and genuine wounds, into another cavern in which resounded loud peals of thunder, and through which shot constantly terrifying bursts of flame. If he fainted from exhaustion and horror, his senses returned in a comfortable chamber where delightful music and soothing perfumes quieted to some extent his agitation.

Then three venerable priests approached him. One of them threw a Squirming Snake into his bosom, and with the loathsome reptile chilling his skin he was conducted to a door from which issued awful cries of lamentation and despair. There he beheld a dreadful representation of men enduring the torments of Hell.


This was followed by seven subterranean journeys to the scenes of as many appalling perils, each likely to disturb the stoutest heart and arouse the most trying emotions. Then if his strength held out, he entered the Holy of Holies. It was a splendid apartment in which a brilliant sun and beautiful stars moved in a miniature sky, while most ravishing music was heard. In the east, seated upon a golden throne, was a presence before whom the candidate bowed and took the oath of the Order.

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The 20th Century Challenge to Masonry - An Opportunity for Greatness

An Oration delivered before The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington, by Wor Bro. John D. Blankinship, Grand Orator

It is significant that our legendary hero, Hiram Abif, inspected the work every day at noon when the harsh light most clearly revealed defects and weaknesses in the structure. It is even more significant that he did not hesitate to draw designs on the trestle board to remove defects and to improve and strengthen the building. It is now high twelve for Freemasonry - as it is continually for every human institution. Imitating his daily practice, let us now inspect our fraternity to see if anything may be done to strengthen and enrich it. Let that inspection be realistic and our evaluation honest. Let us tell ourselves the truth, even though the truth hurts. 

Brethren, This is the first paragraph of an excellent article sent to us by Wor. Bro. Max Bloodworth, KO4TV. However, it is over five pages long and rather than edit it to a shorter version for use in the newsletter, we can send it directly to you via: e-mail, PDF file or snail mail. Just let us know which you prefer. See the addresses on page 2.

AMAZING TECHNOLOGY: Light Beam Teleportation claimed

Some are calling it brand new era in telecommunications. Others say its like the famed Star Trek Transporter coming true.


Others simply don't believe that the first successful experiment in teleportation has actually taken place. But it appears to have happened in Australia. Scientists at Australian National University have succeeded in teleportation. That is, the disembodiment of a thing in one location and its reconstruction in another.

In this case, a beam of light allegedly disappeared in one place and reappeared in another, a short distance away, via the mechanism of quantum entanglement. Data imbedded in the beam were also recovered.

Scientists say that if this finding is duplicated and verified, this experiment would certainly be regarded as one of the most remarkable steps forward in telecommunications technology so far this century.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslne

How much did early Masons earn?

By statute in the year 1350 a master freestone mason earned eight cents a day; other masons, six cents per day. In 1445, a freemason received eight cents per day, with food, ten cents without. In Scotland the wages were less. In 1610 there was an increase! It is estimated a mason earned about five times the cost of his board each day. 

Tnx Masonic Trivia & Facts by WB Allen E. Roberts (sk)


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Most Worshipful Joe Harrison, WB4YCH

No. 131 in 1983 and was elected Illustrious Master and received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1996. Sir Knight Harrison was knighted in Millington Commandery No. 39 in 1983, served as Commander, and was made a member of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 1994. He is presently treasurer and a Life Member of the Rosemark (formerly Millington) York Rite Bodies. He was elected to the York Rite College in 1992, Knight of York Cross of Honor in 1997, and received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College in 2000.

Companion and Sir Knight Harrison served the Grand York Rite Bodies as Grand Master of the Third Veil with Most Excellent Brother Bruce Taylor in 1994 and Grand Principle Sojourner with Most Excellent Brother Richard Van Tassell in 1998, as well as committee positions.

Brother Harrison received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Memphis Consistory in 1983. He received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989 and was elected a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1997. He is presently a Life Member serving in the ritual cast of several degrees, on the board of the Scottish Rite Foundation (Childhood Language Disorders Clinic), the Finance Committee, and is Assistant Director of Work. He is a member of the Al Chymia Shrine Temple, where he served as Membership Chairman and President of the Shrine Past Masters, the Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Masons, and the Philaethes Society. Brother Harrison is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Tennessee Lodge of Research, Order of the Eastern Star (Worthy Patron 1989), Memphis Area York Rite Association, Societas Rosicruciana, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Harrison was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1999 and progressed each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 2002. 

Tnx to Wor. Bro. Joseph Warshawsky. KA5NXV, of Morristown, Tennessee for nominating his Grand Master to be a Hiram's Ham

Famous Freemasons



- * Clark Gable - Actor
- * James A. Garfield - President of the United States
- * King George VI - King of England during World War II
- * Edward Gibbon - Writer - "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"
- * King C. Gillette - Gillette Razor Company
- * John H. Glenn - First American to orbit the earth in a space craft
- * Arthur Godfrey - Actor & Radio personality
- * Virgil Grissom - Astronaut
- * John Hancock - 1 of 9 signers of the Declaration of Independence
- * Warren G. Harding - President of the United States
- * Oliver Hardy - Actor - Comedian
- * John M. Harlan - Supreme Court Justice
- * Patrick Henry - Patriot
- * James Hoban - Architech of the United States Capital
- * J. Edgar Hoover - Director of the F.B.I.
- * Harry Houdini - Magician
- * Sam Houston - Battle of San Jacinto

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Bro. Jerry Schatz, W2MFW, Honored for Humanitarian Work

One hundred people were in attendance at a recent Rotary Club banquet in Amityville, NY. where Bro. Jerry and Sister Myra, WA2FIW (a Hiram's Hams Sweetheart), were among five honoree's recognized that evening for their Humanitarian work. Bro. Jerry and Sister Myra were honored for their work done at the **Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children**. Bro. Jerry received six awards that night:

- ◆ CITATION from State Senator Owen H. Johnson
- ◆ CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION
from US Congressman Steve Israel
- ◆ CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
from Town of Babylon Supervisor Steven Bellone
- ◆ PROCLAMATION
from Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney
- ◆ PLAQUE - Certificate of Special Recognition
from the Mayor of the Village of Amityville
- ◆ PLAQUE - Frank B. Powell Humanitarian Award
from the *Rotary Club* of Amityville

Bro. Jerry is a member of Amityville Lodge No. 977, and is widely known as a famous child actor in film and radio of the 30s and 40s. His most prominent role was as the "spoiled rich kid" in the "*Our Gang*" comedies.

He has been a Hiram's Ham since June 1995, when he was nominated by Bro. Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, "Sparkie the Clown."

WRC 2003 is on again

The on again and off again 2003 World Radiocommunications Conference appears to be on again. According to news reports, the conference which was canceled by Venezuela's telecommunications bureau has been moved to Geneva, Switzerland. The dates are the same — July and August of 2003. The future of mandatory Morse code testing in the Amateur Radio Service is one of the items on the agenda for that meeting.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslines and published reports

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AMSAT'S OSCAR 7 SATELLITE RETURNS FROM THE DEAD

Built by a multinational team under the direction of AMSAT-NA, AO-7 carries Mode A (145.850-950 MHz uplink; 29.400-500 MHz downlink) and Mode B (432.180-120 MHz uplink; 145.920-980 MHz downlink) linear transponders plus beacons on 29.502 and 145.972 MHz. A 2304.1 MHz beacon was never turned on because of international treaty constraints.

AMSAT has additional information on AO-7 on its Web site:

<<http://www.amsat.org>>.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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FDA Web Page on RF Hazard from Cell Phones

The *Food and Drug Administration* and the *Federal Communications Commission* have established a joint web page called "*Cell Phone Facts*." This, in an effort to provide reasoned answers to the public's never ending health and safety questions concerning the radio frequency power produced by portable cellular and PCS phones, and their base stations. The site is in cyberspace at: www.fda.gov/cellphones (FDA, FCC)

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslines

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The Initiation into the Ancient Persian Magi, and a Curious Legend of Hiram Abif, Solomon, and the Queen of Sheba

Such was the initiation of the Persian Magi, founded by Zoroaster, whose extreme antiquity is certified by both Aristotle and Plato. There were other Mysteries in other lands, in the times of antiquity - those of Isis in Egypt, of Cabiri in Phoenicia, of Sabazian in Rome, and the Eleusinian in Greece. And from among them all, Freemasonry alone has emerged as a living influence on modern civilized society, and is richest in legend, tradition, and historic facts. One very curious tale is told by an English author and student of antiquities, whose description of the initiation of the Persian Magi has already been rehearsed. It is a legend of Hiram Abif, the master architect and engineer at the building of King Solomon's Temple, who, according to tradition, assisted Solomon in founding the Masonic Order. 

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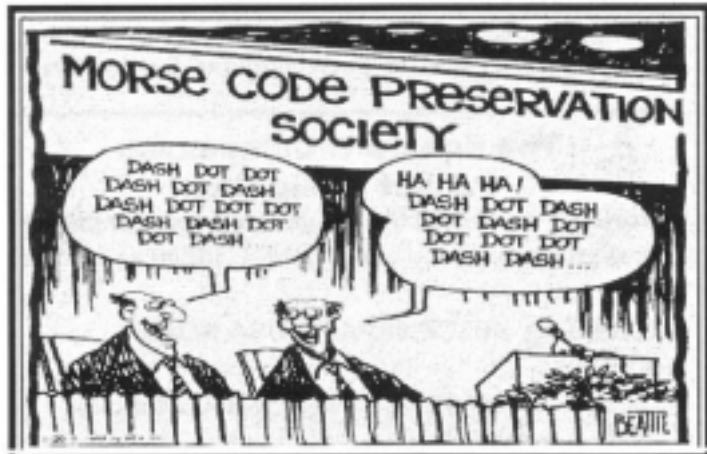
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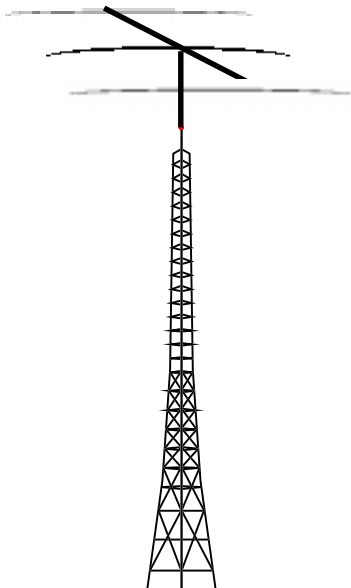
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- August 3  Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club <www.qsl.net/w8fez Columbus, OH
- August 4  Kentucky State ARRL Convention <www.bluegrassars.org> Lexington, KY
- August 10 Tri-State Amateur Radio Association Huntington, WV
August 24 Tampa, Amateur Radio Club <www.hamclub.org> Tampa, FL
- August 24  West Virginia State ARRL Convention and West Virginia State Radio Council Weston, WV
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- August 25 Short Mt. Repeater Club <keharris@nctc.com> Lebanon, Tennessee
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Sept. 8 Findlay Radio Club <http://www.findlayradioclub.org> Findlay, Ohio
Sept. 21  Arkansas State ARRL Convention <http://carenclub.com> Little Rock, Arkansas
- Sept. 22 Greater Cincinnati ARA <http://CincinnatiAmateurRadio.com> Cincinnati, Ohio
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Tnx Southeastern Repeater Association and the ARRL