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New York legislature honors Amateur Radio's September 11 response

The legislature of the State of New York has formally recognized the more than 800 Amateur Radio operators from the Empire State who provided emergency communications following the World Trade Center disaster of September 11.

The resolution notes that amateurs expended more than 15,000 work hours of volunteer service for more than two weeks to served agencies across the state that included the New York City Office of Emergency Management, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army. The resolution specifically cites Amateur Radio's role in staffing more than 30 shelters set up to house stranded air travelers and those displaced by the World Trade Center destruction. Amateur Radio HF links also enabled New York City officials to maintain contact with state agencies near the capital city of Albany when conventional telephone service was unavailable. The resolution will be posted on the ARRL Hudson Division Web site:

<<http://www.hudson.arrl.org/>>

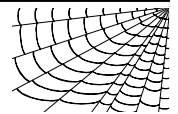
Politics

Judge David Bryan Sentelle was nominated on April 8, 1987 for the Court of Appeals. Because he was a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 60, Senators Patrick Leahy and "Ted" Kennedy, and others objected to his confirmation. On September 9, 1987 he was confirmed by a vote of 87 to 0, with 13 not voting!

Many of the Senators who are Freemasons strongly supported Sentelle's decision to *not* renounce his Masonic membership. As the judge would later say: "If I were to give up my membership, it would be like saying I had done something wrong in all the years I had been a judge; I would have been repudiating the principles that led my father, grandfather, my uncles and my brother into this great Fraternity." In 1988, Virginia's Grand Master Donald M. Robey, permitted Cherrydale Lodge No. 42 to elect Sentelle to Honorary Membership in the Lodge.

Tnx Masonic Trivia & Facts by W.B. Allen E. Roberts, sk 

Hiram's Hams on the World-Wide Web



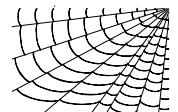
Brethren, we are happy to announce that Wor. Bro. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, Webmaster for "*Freemasonry in Southeast Ohio*" has added a *Hiram's Hams* page to his very nice Masonic web site, and we have our first overseas Hiram's Ham: **Bro. Riccardo Isnenghi, IN3SUI, Trento, Italy**, who visited the site, was impressed, and asked to be made a Hiram's Ham. Please visit the site:

<http://www.athensmasons.org>

* Click on: "[Hiram's Hams Masonic Amateur Radio Society](#)"

The site also includes a mailing list for the *Hiram's Hams* newsletter. Overseas Brethren may join by clicking on the **SUBSCRIBE** link. Please include your amateur call sign, Masonic Lodge and address in the subject line of the message. Messages may also be sent to the list at: <hiramshams@athensmasons.org>

Xenia Lodge No. 49 Website



Xenia Lodge No. 49's Masonic web site carries additional information about the *Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society*. The Webmaster for this site is Wor. Bro. Terry L. Zoerb, Xenia, Ohio, a *Friend of Hiram's Hams*. Please visit this site also:

<http://www.xenia49.freehomepage.com>

* Click on "[Masonry in Action](#)"

* Look for **Masonry on the Move**, and then ...

* Click on the **picture of the radio**, and you're there!

Be sure and sign the Guest Books at both sites

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**WORDS OF WISDOM
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

Entered Apprentice Degree

The Entered Apprentice Degree, first of the three Degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry, is a preliminary degree, intended to prepare the candidate for the higher and fuller instructions of the succeeding degrees. The candidate is a voluntary applicant for membership in the Lodge, he comes without an invitation from the Lodge or from any member of the Order, even though he may have been told by a Masonic friend that he is the type of man the Order needs.

Of his own free will and accord, the candidate knocks at the outer door of the Lodge and seeks admission that he may begin his search for Light, for the light of divine Truth. At the threshold of the Lodge he is required to confess his "trust in God," thus repudiating any tendencies to infidelity, polytheism or pantheism, and acknowledging his faith in the One True and Living God. He is peculiarly clothed in keeping with the mysteries of the Order into which he is about to be inducted, "neither naked nor clothed; neither bare-footed nor shod," the symbolic meaning being fully explained to him as he makes his journey through the requirements of this degree.



Although lacking in valuable historical information, the work of the Degree is replete of instructions on the internal structure of the Order, especially in its lectures. The religious character of Masonry is impressed upon his mind and heart, not only by his confession of "trust in God," but by the open Bible upon the altar, and by his own dedication in prayer and mediation before the altar. The entire Ritual is a preliminary revelation on the internal structure of the Institution, and the symbols employed in the Degree are profoundly significant and instructive. The candidate now learns that a Masonic Lodge is an assemblage of Freemasons, duly congregated, having the Sacred Writings, Square, and Compass, and a Charter, or warrant of constitution, authorizing the Lodge to meet and work. It is also explained to him that the room or place in which the meeting is held represents some part of King Solomon's Temple. The Lodge is supported by three great columns, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, which are explained to the candidate. They are represented by the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

In properly comprehending "what is done unto him," the course of his movements around the Lodge Room, the significance of the symbols employed, and the lectures given, including every phase of the Ritual, the Entered Apprentice Mason realizes that he has begun a noble pursuit for Truth. The aspiration of his soul toward Absolute and Infinite Intelligence is encouraged and strengthened. The faculties of his mind have been directed toward the Great Architect Of The Universe, his own Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor. Through the majestic irradiations of thought, meditation, prayer and sublime comprehensions of instructions given, his soul pierces

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Famous Freemasons



- * Samuel L. Clemens - Mark Twain - writer
- * Ty Cobb - Baseball great
- * William "Buffalo Bill" Cody - Indian fighter, Wild West Show
- * Samuel Colt - Firearms inventor
- * Earle Bryan Combs - Baseball Hall of Fame
- * William Cushing - Supreme Court Justice
- * Jack Dempsey - Sports
- * Willis Van Devanter - Supreme Court Justice
- * General James Doolittle - Famous Air Force Pilot
- * William O. Douglas - Supreme Court Justice
- * William H. Dow - Dow Chemical Company
- * Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - Writer - Sherlock Holmes
- * Oliver Ellsworth - Supreme Court Justice
- * Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. - Headed "Watergate" committee
- * Stephen J. Field - Supreme Court Justice
- * W.C. Fields - Actor
- * John Fitch - Inventor of the Steamboat
- * Sir Alexander Fleming - Invented Penicillin
- * Gerald R. Ford - President of the United States of America
- * Henry Ford - Pioneer Automobile manufacturer
- * Benjamin Franklin - 1 of 13 Masonic signers of the United States Constitution


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Entered Apprentice Degree

through the shadows of materialism and earthiness toward the Light for which his search has begun. He is prepared for his onward and upward course in Freemasonry, and when he has proved his proficiency in the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree, he will be ready for the next Degree of Blue Lodge Masonry.

The Entered Apprentice Mason is entrusted with certain secrets of the Order, all of them moral, ethical and wholesome, and is pledged to "keep counsel of all things spoken in the Lodge or chamber by any Masons, Fellows or Free Masons." He is invested with certain "Secret Words," which, of course, he must keep inviolate and communicate them only in accordance with Masonic Law.

Editor's note: Will the Brother who sent this excellent article to the newsletter, please let me know? Tnx 

Joe Pa

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recently presented long-time Penn State football coach, Joe Paterno, the John Wannamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal. The award is given to a "non-Mason who supports the ideals and philosophy of the Masonic fraternity."

Paterno, who has coached more than 50 years, is only the fourth person (and first male) to receive the award since its 1993 inception.

Tnx THE NORTH CAROLINA MASON
Bro. Ric Carter, Editor

The GRAND COOK




During the Grand Master's reception for the 10th Masonic District of Ohio, held on March 23, 2002, at *Ohio Northern University* in Ada, Ohio; **Most Worshipful Thomas Reynolds, KC8CMW, Grand Master of Ohio**, bestowed the Honor of **GRAND COOK** on Worshipful Brother Lance Baker, Past Master of Findlay Lodge #227, Findlay, Ohio..

Wor. Bro. Baker had been the General Manager of the well known *Wilson's Hamburgers* in Findlay. The honor and degree entitles him to wear the jewel of his office, **The Spatula**.

Tnx Bro. John "Chauncy" Cockman, KC8CDX
Northern Light Lodge #40 Maumee, Ohio


Comment:

The story goes that Brother Dave Thomas, 33^o, founder of *Wendy's Restaurants*, was traveling through Findlay, Ohio years ago, and stopped at *Wilson's Hamburgers* for lunch. The "HAVE IT YOUR WAY" concept at Wilson's gave Bro. Dave the idea which resulted in the original Wendy's restaurant in Columbus, Ohio.

Tnx M.W. Bro. Jim Olmstead, WB8BYR
Founder of the *Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society* 

Lion's Paw Club

Brother William G. Sibley, a newspaper editor in Gallipolis, Ohio, and an active member of the Masonic Bodies there, as well as of the Cincinnati Conservatory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, was frequently invited to address Masonic audiences and prepared an essay for that purpose which soon ran far beyond the limits of a talk for such occasions and, meeting the favor of the local Brethren, a group of a few members of the Fraternity arranged in 1904 for the publication of the work, *Story of Freemasonry*, the Brethren using the same *Lion's Paw Club* as that of the original publisher.

Tnx Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry
by Bro. Albert G. Mackey, 33^o,
and Bro. Charles G. Govey, Ohio Valley Publishing Company,
Gallipolis, Ohio 

Masonic Dates - A.L. 6002

Have you ever noticed the dates of the Hiram's Hams Newsletters? Masonic dates are written "A.L." before the figures which never correspond with the number and year of the year in which we live.

Freemasonry's practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created four thousand years before Christ; that when God said "**Let there be light**" the world began. Therefore Masons date their doings four thousand years plus the current year, "Anno Lucis," or "**In the year of Light**."

It is but another of Freemasonry's many ties with a day so old no man may name it.

Tnx The Masonic Service Association 

THE REPLY (To the question "Are you a Mason?")

THE MASONIC REVIEW - 1853

I am one of a band, Who will faithfully stand, In the bonds of affection and love; I have knocked at a door, Once wretched and poor, And there for admission I stood.

By the help of a friend, Who assistance did lend, I succeeded an entrance to gain; Was received in the West, By command from the East, But not without feeling some pain.

Here my conscience was taught, By a moral quite fraught with sentiments holy and true; Then onward I traveled, to have it unraveled, What Hiram intended to do

Very soon to the East, I made known my request And "light" by command did attend. When lo I perceived, In due form revealed A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

Thus far have I stated, and simply related, What happen'd when I was made free But I've "passed" since then., And was "raised" up again To a sublime and ancient degree.

Thence onward I marched That I might be "Arched," And find out the treasures long lost; I beheld a bright flame, from the midst of which came A voice, which my ears did accost.

Through the "Veils" I then went, And succeeded at length The "Sanctum Sanctorum" to find; By the "Signet," I gained, and quickly obtained, Employment which suited my mind.

In the depths then I wrought, and most carefully sought For treasures so long hidden there; and by labor and toil, I discovered "rich spoil" which are kept by the Craft with care.

Having thus far arrived, I further contrived among valiant knights to appear; and as pilgrim and knight, I stood ready to fight, nor Saracen foe would I fear.

For the "widow" distressed,. There's a chord in my breast, for the helpless and orphan I feel; and my sword I could draw, to maintain the pure law, which the duty of Tempters reveal.

Thus have I revealed, (Yet wisely concealed) What the free and accepted well know, I am one of a band who will faithfully stand As a Brother, wherever I go.

Everything which tends to combine men by stronger ties is useful to humanity; in this point of view Masonry is entitled to respect.

**IN MEMORY OF BRO. GEORGE HELMER, PM,
NORWOOD No.90, NORWOOD, OHIO**



Submitted by Wor. Bro. Eric J. Adams, Wor. Master of Pickaway Lodge No. 23, Circleville, Ohio, District Education Officer for the 8th Masonic District of Ohio, and a Friend of Hiram's Hams and Tnx Wor. Bro. Richard, "Dick" Blaney, KYCH, WB8MHE

Hiram's Hams Caps!

..... Fund raising drive for the Society


This is a fun cap! A beautiful black cap (fits all sizes) with "*Hiram's Ham*," plus your *handle and call* on the front in embroidered GOLD lettering.

Be recognized at hamfests, club meetings or the grocery store. Now, you can get your exclusive cap, and support the *Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society* at the same time for a suggested donation of \$25.00 or more.

Please send your request and donation to:

The Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society
1101 Twilight Drive
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068



Thanks to Brother Ben Driver, N8JUD, for his efforts in making these Hiram's Hams Caps possible! 

Atomic Coffee Maker

If you are a ham who has trouble waking up to keep those wee hours DX schedules, the answer may be as close as the local appliance store. How about an **atomic time coffee maker?**

Amateur Radio Newline discovered this one last week in an appliance store in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area. It's called the *Perfect Time Coffeemaker*, and according to its manufacturer Melitta Salton Inc, it's the first such device using radio frequency reception of atomic clock signals to keep it in sync with the *National Bureau of Standards* time keeping system.

Melitta Salton claims that the internal clock provides accurate time right out of the box by monitoring the WWVB broadcasts from Boulder, Colorado. All the user need do is to select his or her time zone and the coffeemaker does the rest. It even automatically adjusts to Daylight Savings Time and its internal back-up batteries keep it going during short duration power losses. Salton also says that it also brews good coffee. And what more could any DX hound ever ask for?

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline, 06-06-02

RF Hazards 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>

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline, 06-06-02

Brethren 

Do you know a Brother who is also a ham? If you do, then why not nominate him to be a *Hiram's Ham!*

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New Hiram's Hams!



- ★ Very Worshipfull Arthur D. Payne, VE3GNF, Sarnia, Ontario
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"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."



Francis Bellamy, the author of these words, was an ordained minister, magazine writer, and a **Freemason** who stated his aim was to say "*what our republic meant and what was the underlying spirit of life.*"

Brother Bellamy wrote the *Pledge of Allegiance* in 1892 as part of the national celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. It was embraced by the nation and immediately became part of the school day routine.

Bellamy's original text has been altered twice. In 1923 the words "*the flag of the United States of America*" were substituted for the words "my flag." Congress officially recognized the Pledge in 1942 and added the words "*under God*" in 1954.

Txn The Old Past Master's Masonic Almanac, Rev. Jan L. Bederstat, publisher

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