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## RESTRUCTURING: GOOD NUMBERS IN THE USA

Last year at this time there were nearly 683,000 hams licensed by the FCC. As of October this year, there are 2235 fewer—but numbers are not always what they seem. The reality is that ham radio in the United States is growing once again.

First, the General and Extra class have increased substantially since the 13 and 20 word per minute Morse code exams were eliminated April 15 of 2000. In fact, the number of people holding these licenses has increased by well over 25,000 for each license class. And that's great news for ham radio equipment suppliers since they rely on higher dollar high frequency transceiver sales for much of their yearly income.

The Technician class is holding its own, too. The number of new Tech license holders is keeping pace with the number of hams either upgrading or dropping out of amateur radio. The net change is close to zero.

Only the Novice and Advanced classes are seeing significant drops in numbers. No new Novice or Advanced class tickets have been issued since April, 2000. And while existing licenses can be modified and renewed, it appears as if that's just not happening among Novices. They appear to be fading away, and quickly — there were 65,000 Novices in 1997 — only about 37,000, though, today.

The bottom line is that for the last 12 months ham radio has seen an average of 1600 brand new ham licenses issued each month. That's an improvement of 160 a month over the previous year. And that improvement is very good news for ham radio.

As to the state with the largest number of hams? It's still California which can now claim being home to more than one seventh of all the nation's hams. Latest figures show there are more than 100,000 hams now living in California.

The state with the fewest hams? North Dakota — only 1575 hams there.

The bottom line is this. Restructuring seems to be doing the job it was intended to do. It's now up to those in the hobby to work to swell its ranks even more.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

## A Word from Most Worshipful Brother J. George Bibb, KS4K, Past Grand Master of Kentucky

One of the things I look forward to each month is my copy of **The Hiram's Hams Newsletter**. Even though I do not get on the air as often as I once did, it is still great to keep up with ham radio, with an eye to really getting involved again once I put down my radio microphone.

I guess I'll always travel for the brethren as I just ended my sixth year as a Member of the *Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky*, and have been appointed to another three year term by our Most Worshipful Grand Master Curtis Johnston. I have also been a member of the *Board of the Masonic Homes of Kentucky* for a number of years as well.

This year I am serving as *Eminent Prior of Kentucky Priory No. 25*. All while keeping my radio stations on the air. My station web-site is: [www.wcpm-wseh.com](http://www.wcpm-wseh.com).

Again, I have enjoyed my Masonic career as well as the ties I have with **Hiram's Hams**. It's always good to look inside and see my name listed and to enjoy the many features.

**Fraternally thine,**

J. George Bibb; PGM  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Ham Radio Operator KS4K,  
and a proud member of Hiram's Hams!

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

### The Widow's Son

In Ancient Craft Masonry, the title applied to Hiram, the architect of the Temple, because he is said, in the 1st book of Kings (vii 14) to have been "a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali." The Adonhiramite Masons have a tradition which Chapron gives (Necessaire Maconn., p.101) in the following words: "The Masons call themselves the widow's sons, because, after the death of our respectable Master, the Masons took care of his mother, whose children they called themselves, because Adonhiram had always considered them as his brethren. But the French Masons subsequently changed the myth and called themselves 'Sons of the Widow,' and for this reason. 'As the wife of Hiram remained a widow after her husband was murdered, the Masons, who regard themselves as the descendents of Hiram, called themselves *Sons of the Widow*.'" But this myth is a pure invention, and is without the Scriptural foundation of the York myth, which makes Hiram himself the widow's son. But in French Masonry the term "son of the Widow" is synonymous with "Mason."

The adherents of the exiled house of Stuart, when seeking to organize a system of political Masonry by which they hoped to secure the restoration of the family to the throne of England, transferred to Charles II the tradition of Hiram Abiff betrayed by his followers, and called him "the Widow's Son," because he was the son of Henrietta Maria, the widow of Charles I. For the same reason they subsequently applied the phrase to his brother, James II.

Tnx *The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*  
and  
*Its Kindred Sciences*  
by

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33°

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## NO RADIO CALL-IN SHOW PERMITTED ON 75 METERS

The FCC is asking a California ham why he allegedly ran a radio call-in show on 3.830 MHz and requested shortwave listeners to participate. The regulatory agency alleges that **James C. Watkins, KI6GU**, of Burbank ran such an operation last August 16 and 24 and used a reverse autoptach system to facilitate the call-ins.

Along with the FCC inquiry Watkins was furnished 9 pages of material relating to the complaints against him. He was given the customary 30 days from the date of the Commission inquiry to respond.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newline

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## Ten Master Masons

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;  
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;  
One didn't like the "Master", then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;  
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;  
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;  
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;  
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;  
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;  
One said "What's the use", then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother - true!  
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;  
Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;  
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodge's bright sheen;  
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;  
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

Tnx Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, K8AGB, aka, "Sparkie the Clown"

## WORDS OF WISDOM for radio amateurs



by: F.C.C. Special Counsel, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZHD

√ "Respecting band plans. because they make it possible  
for every mode to have a chance."

√ "Being aware that we all love Amateur Radio, and  
there's no need to damage or disgrace it just to save face."

√ "You don't "own" or get preference to use any fre-  
quency."

More "Words of Wisdom" de K4ZDH, next month .....

## Bro. Paul Cornell, W8EFW Honored with a 60 year Award

**B**rother Paul M. Cornell, W8EFW, of Lyndhurst, Ohio, has been honored by the Grand Lodge of Ohio and his home lodge for having been a Mason for 60 years.


His Lodge, Heights-Lionheart, No. 633, had a very nice ceremonial for the occasion. It included a great chicken and pasta dinner for everyone attending.

After a short closed lodge business meeting, open lodge was made available to everyone, and it was a fine informative gathering.

Brother Paul was presented with a 60 year pin and a nice mounted certificate by a representative of the Grand Master of Ohio Masons.

Hams present for the ceremony included W4EU, KF8BR, W8FEA, all Masons and W8WGO.

Brother Paul comments: My daughter pinned the 60 year pin on my jacket. My friend, Ann Novak, widow of W8KGX, also was there at my invitation.

My certificate proudly hangs on the wall of my family room, along with many Amateur Radio awards. I am very proud to have been a Mason for such a long time. 

## Hiram's Hams Caps!

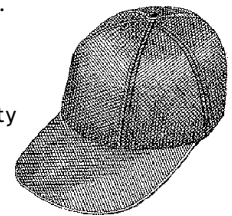
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Thanks to Brother Ben Driver, N8JUD, for his efforts in making these Hiram's Hams Caps possible! 

## A WALL OF SOUND

**R**adio Liberty's broadcasts to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics were the target of Soviet noise jamming for several decades. But *Media Network* reveals that the Russian operators actually left frequencies undisturbed so their friends could hear the programs. Now, you can too with a 30 second audio sample of what jamming sounded like for those of you too young to remember. It's on the Radio Netherlands website. The URL is:  
<http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/jamming021018.html>

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslite

**REMEMBER, I'M A MASON**

When the pressures of recession  
Make us concentrate on greed,  
take heed -  
a worthy Mason Cares about another's needs.

Don't let pressures of the moment Make your obligation sway;  
Stop  
and help a fallen brother Or another by the way.

What you give is like a bubble,  
Whenever you assist;  
What it costs in time and trouble Is soon after,  
never missed .

Brother, bear that obligation You accepted on your knee;  
It's in direct relation To your own security.

Never hesitate, my brother, Square your actions now and say -  
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,  
And behave like that today"

"With regard to human kindness And the Golden Rule, I  
pray,  
I'll remember I'm a Mason,  
And behave like that today."

author unknown

Tnx Wor. Bro. John Ochmann, WA8NDL

**Amateur Radio glossary**

**A**bbreviations available on ARRL Web site: A glossary  
<<http://www.arrl.org/qst/glossary.html>> of Amateur  
Radio and electronics terms and a list of abbreviations:  
<<http://www.arrl.org/qst/aguide/>>.

Abbreviations found in ARRL publications now are available on the ARRL Web site. The glossary covers the range of terms from "Alternating current (ac)" to "Yagi antenna" and "73." The abbreviations cover the field from "a"—the abbreviation for "atto," the prefix for 10 to the minus 18th—to the Greek letter Omega, the symbol for ohm(s).

Also posted is a list of corrections that will appear as: "Feedback" <<http://www.arrl.org/qst/feedback/>> items in QST.

The posting of the glossary, abbreviations list and "Feedback" came about as a result of suggestions from members and should prove especially helpful and convenient to newcomers to Amateur Radio.

Tnx ARRL Letter

**BRETHREN**

Please look at your address label ..... if there is a dreaded "X" before your name it means that this may be your last copy of the newsletter. Sorry .....

**A New HIRAM'S HAMS Sweetheart!**

WELCOME! **Sister Anne Beck, KC8UQT**, as our newest **Hiram's Hams Sweetheart**. Sister Anne is the Sweeter Half of Wor. Bro. James Beck, KC8DPM.

Brethren, take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

*Continued from November 2002 .....*

**SOME BIRTHPLACES OF FREEMASONRY**

The Cathedral Building Age - the vital part of the Medieval years - sprung from Gothic Architecture, and a pietism, a reverence, a desire to bring the greatest and best in art and the poetry of architecture to the service of God.

In these great tasks - there are at least fifteen hundred Cathedral Abbeys, Cloisters and other ecclesiastical structures in Europe - workmen of many kinds were engaged. Looking at the marvels they constructed, it is difficult to believe that their building materials were only wood and stone, and that they had no resources of power except their own bodies, the strength of beasts and the multiplication of effort afforded by the pulley and the rope. No electricity, no steam, no gas or oil engine hoisted the stones to the towers of Westminster. No stone cutting machines sawed the rock and no compressed air pumps powered stone carving tools for the delicate lacy of the reredos of Winchester. It was *all* hand work.

Today workers engaged in building are classified according to their skills; in the erection of an office building, for instance, there are iron workers, electricians, carpenters, glaziers, tile layers, plasterers, roofers, tin workers, engineers, plumbers - but all are, in one sense, builders.

In the Middle Ages there were many classifications of masons, quarrymen, layers, scapplers (who rough-shaped and polished), hewers, rough masons and carvers.

These workmen were cutters and layers of stone, smoothers of ashlers, layers and mortar mixers. There were carpenters and stone cutters, stained glass experts and tilers for the roof. Humble workmen fetched and carried and skilled tool makers made and sharpened tools. Records indicate that many masons working on a Cathedral were paid different rates, which, in those days as in this, show that many different skills were required.

Knoop and Jones have shown that at the building of one structure in 1304, fifty-three masons were employed at thirteen different rates of pay; ten years later, twenty-four masons received twelve different rates of pay. At Ely (England) in 1360 nine masons received seven different rates of pay; ten years later at York twenty-nine masons received five different rates of pay.

**And over all were the Freemasons.**



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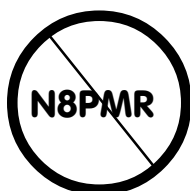
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## The "Royal Ark Mariner"

There is this guy at sea in a small boat in rough weather and it overturns. As he's bobbing about, a life boat appears; as they called out, he said "it's ok I am a *Royal Ark Mariner*, God will look after me," and refused their help.

In a short while a helicopter is overhead lowering a rope, and again the guy says "it's ok I am a *Royal Ark Mariner*, God will look after me," and again refuses their help.

Shortly afterwards he drowns, and as he is met by God at the pearly gates he says, "I thought you would look after me. I am a *Royal Ark Mariner!*"

"God said I sent you a life boat and a helicopter, what more did you want!"

Tnx Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, aka, "Sparkie the Clown."

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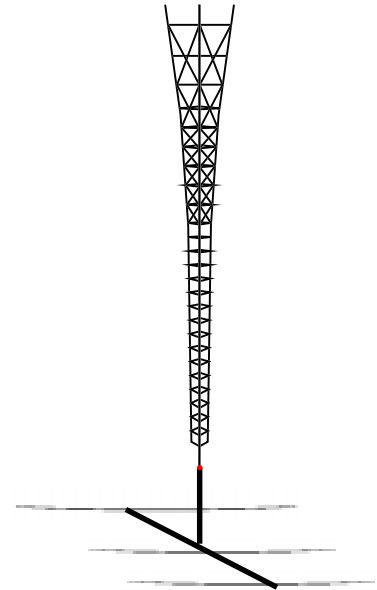
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January 19	Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation .....	<a href="http://hfradio.org/kc8aav">http://hfradio.org/kc8aav</a> .....	Nelsonville, OH
January 25	Winterfest 2003 .....	<a href="http://stlrepeater.org">http://stlrepeater.org</a> .....	Collinsville, IL
January 26	TUSCO Amateur Radio Club .....	E-Mail: kb8wfn@tusco.net .....	New Philadelphia, OH
February 8-9	Dixie Fest Committee .....	<a href="http://www.dixiefest.org">http://www.dixiefest.org</a> .....	Memphis, TN
February 9	Intercity Amateur RC & Maser .....	<a href="http://www.maser.org">http://www.maser.org</a> .....	Mansfield, OH
February 9	Virginia Section Convention .....	<a href="http://www.frostfest.com">http://www.frostfest.com</a> .....	Richmond, VA
February 15	Algonquin Amateur Radio Club .....	<a href="http://www.nlem.org">http://www.nlem.org</a> .....	Marlborough, MA
February 23	Briarpatch & Foot Hills Amateur Radio Club .....	<a href="mailto:rgwaller@psknet.com">rgwaller@psknet.com</a> .....	Elkin, NC
March 15	Charleston Area Hamfest & Computer Show .....	<a href="mailto:k8wmx@juno.com">k8wmx@juno.com</a> .....	Charleston, WV
April 13	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society .....	<a href="http://www.rars.org/hamfest">http://www.rars.org/hamfest</a> .....	Raleigh, NC
April 19	Ararat Shrine ARC .....	<a href="http://www.homestead.com/dowdy/hamfest/hambash2000.html">http://www.homestead.com/dowdy/hamfest/hambash2000.html</a> ....	Kansas City, MO
<b>MAY 16-18</b>	<b>DAYTON HAMVENTION .....</b>	<b><a href="http://www.hamvention.org/">http://www.hamvention.org/</a> .....</b>	<b>Dayton, OH</b>

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