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*The Fraternity within The Fraternity*

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## Concerns for Masons under 40

By: Brother Jason C. Russo, 32<sup>o</sup>

It is my opinion that Masonry in general must come to the realization that the needs of and from our fraternity for those of us under the physical age of 40 differ greatly from those who are elderly and retired. It is not sufficient to simply complain but to offer a solution to fix the problem. The problems facing the under 40 crowd, hereafter referred to as Masonic Youth are numerous:

1. **We work.** We frequently spend many hours at our usual vocation throughout the week; during our time off we enjoy spending that time with our family and children. Let's include them in more activities.

2. **We are displaced.** Due to the pursuit of our vocations to support our families we have moved away from our homes and many of us do not have family or kin in the area. Our Masonic lodge should become our extended family.

3. **Our spouses work.** With a working spouse it is usually up to us to care for our children in the evenings and weekends. We can participate in more activities if the Eastern Star, Amaranth or Jobies could help with the kids and keep them occupied during a tiled meeting.

### 4. **The Ritual.**

a. Many of us did not join Masonry because of the ritual, pomp and ceremony. Although we agree it is important, the esoteric and philosophical tenets, precepts and friendships appeal to us more.

b. The exact pronunciation of the word, "divested" is unimportant to us and the many hours of conflict in the lodge trying to correct regional dialects has us flummoxed.

c. Thank you for the educational proficiency method, but it needs to be utilized correctly; the mentors need to do their jobs as intended and provide the knowledge to enjoy the rights and benefits of our Craft.

d. What's wrong with a ritual cypher if it is not used in the Lodge except by the Secretary and the LIW/DIW? If in our busy vocations and family lives we have the ability to learn the ritual and lectures on our own time, it can only benefit us and Freemasonry.

e. Virginia floor work is a blessing in comparison to other jurisdictions (my personal opinion). When performed and executed to standard, it is a source of pride. We need to learn the ritual and not be beat up by it. If it is arduous, tedious and a misery to learn it, will be lost. ....Continued on page 4

## FCC to get tough on offending power companies

The FCC plans to get tougher on electric utilities that fail to fix problems causing interference with Amateur Radio and other licensed communications. **Special Counsel for Enforcement**, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, met recently at ARRL Headquarters with Ed Hare, W1RFI, and John Phillips, K2QAI, of the ARRL Lab staff to discuss various electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) issues. As a result of that session, changes will be made in the way ARRL and FCC cooperate on power-line cases.

"What we've done is to review all cases that the League has worked on where we had no cooperation," Hollingsworth said this week. "In at least three instances, the power company in question hasn't cooperated as it should have." Hollingsworth said these cases will "go to the next step," which likely will entail involving the appropriate FCC field office for additional investigation and appropriate enforcement. In the future, initial letters from the ARRL and the FCC will impose a shorter compliance window and will be more firmly worded. In addition, a follow-up letter from the FCC will be sent to utilities that fail to respond appropriately to the initial inquiry.

The routine FCC letter to a power company cites the requirement to rectify problems with their equipment "if the interference is caused by faulty power utility equipment." FCC Part 15 rules classify most power-line and related equipment as "incidental radiators." This means the utility equipment does not intentionally generate any radio-frequency energy but may create it as an incidental part of its intended operation. The FCC urges a utility to locate sources of any interference caused by its equipment and make necessary corrections "within a reasonable time."

Typical was a recent letter from the FCC's *Consumer Information and Governmental Affairs Bureau* to Commonwealth Edison of Chicago citing radio frequency interference complaints from five Illinois amateurs. According to the FCC, the amateurs had attempted without success to work through the utility's complaint resolution channels.

Utilities that appear unwilling to abide by Part 15 rules regulating unintentional radiation are in the minority, Hollingsworth said. By and large, utilities contacted by ARRL as a result of power-line noise complaints from amateurs have been extremely cooperative, and he had high praise for the League's role in re-

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM KING SOLOMON

### Part Two

When the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon, that Prince of Riches and Glory, who had an appreciative eye for beauty in Women, as well as architecture, fell victim to the seductive charms of his visitor, and sought her hand in marriage. After consideration, she accepted the proposal. Later, when repeated requests had secured the presentation to her of Hiram Abif, whose work on the Temple was a revelation to her of extraordinary ability, the son of Naphthali cast a look into her eyes which drew her heart to him. Solomon, wise in the ways of women, instantly became aware of the impression made on the Queen by his great architect, and was stirred by jealousy. Chagrined, he set about to destroy his friend.

The Queen met Hiram in a grove near Jerusalem when none but her maids were present. He was silent and thoughtful, but soon declared his love. She threw herself into his arms, their lips met, and she rapturously responded to his words of affection. Realizing that Solomon would not approve their mating, they planned to leave Jerusalem at different times, and meet in Arabia. Meanwhile Solomon had hinted to certain workmen on the Temple that Hiram's death would be pleasing to him, and gave them an excuse for quarreling with him. As a consequence, Hiram was slain while seeking exit from the Temple.

**This legend is so at variance with Masonic tradition and history that it cannot be accepted, although it gives additional interest to a Biblical character whose memory will live as long as Freemasonry exists among men. It is printed as a curious specimen chosen from among many apocryphal tales which found their way into print in Europe during the Eighteenth Century, and were widely circulated among readers of books.**

From the *The Story of Freemasonry* by Brother W.G. Sibley  
The Lion's Paw Club, Gallipolis, Ohio 1904

Tnx Brother Charles W. Govey  
Publisher of the Ohio Valley Publishing Company,  
Gallipolis, Ohio

## Is Freemasonry a difficult organization to join?

**I**t can be! This story gives one version: A man was checking in at a hotel, and while at the Registration desk, he noticed a group of men heading toward a function room.

He said to the clerk, "Who are those men?"

She replied, "Oh they're Masons. They are meeting in one of our function rooms until their new Lodge is finished."

He replied, "Oh yeah, the Masons! Isn't that the group that's so hard to get into?"

She replied, "You don't know the half of it! See that man with the sword? He's been hanging on that door for eight months, and they haven't let him in yet!"

Tnx Masonic Trivia & Facts by Wor. Bro. Allen E. Roberts

## Thank God .....

Do you thank GOD when you wake in the morn'  
 Thank Him that for you a new day is born  
 Thank Him for bringing you safe through the night  
 For giving you another day to try and do right?

Do you thank Him as you go on your way  
 For all the beauty that surrounds you each day,  
 For the lovely trees, the grass and the flowers  
 For the glorious sunshine and the soft summer showers,  
 For the love of your family and all your friends,  
 For his wonderful bounty which never ends?

Do you ever thank GOD as you gaze at the sky  
 And see the different birds go soaring by,  
 For the chirp of the cricket and the birds in song?

There is so much to thank GOD for all day long  
 the laugh of a child, a small baby's smile.

Just stop and look and listen for a while,  
 It does not take long for you to say:

"Thank you GOD for this glorious day."

Tnx to Bro. Dan Short, N8RKX, "ShortCircuit the Clown"  
 Author unknown

## Famous Freemasons

- \* Andrew Jackson - President of the United States
- \* Robert H. Jackson - U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- \* Edward Jenner - Inventor - Vaccination
- \* Andrew Johnson - President of the United States
- \* Anson Jones - Battle of San Jacinto
- \* John Paul Jones - Naval Commander
- \* Francis Scott Key - Wrote U.S. National Anthem
- \* Rudyard Kipling - Writer
- \* Marquis de Lafayette - Supporter of American Freedom
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- \* Robert Livingston - Co-Negotiator for purchase of Louisiana Territory
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## Brethren

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 and donations to the AASR Valley of Toledo. Use the  
 address shown on page 2. Thanks .....



## IN MEMORIAM

† Sister Ola J. Slone †  
 WD8MOU



Sister Ola J. Slone, WD8MOU, Wellington, Ohio, was a Past Worthy  
 Matron of Lyndon Chapter in 1996. Her installation read like an  
 Amateur Radio-OES Field day with six of her installing officers being  
 Amateur Radio Operators, and five of her officers were hams.

Grand Hiram's Hams Sweetheart, Shirley Olmstead, P.M.,  
 KB8PQN, was the installing officer, and Most Worshipful James E.  
 Olmstead, P.P. P.G.M. was assistant installing officer.

Sister Ola's husband was Brother Alex Stone, N8AGT, sk,  
 and her son is Joel Sloan, WD8OFU.

Sister Ola held an Extra Class license, was a Commercial  
 License Examiner and an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE).

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## FCC to get tough on offending power companies

solving complaints in the early going. Only a handful of cases—  
 perhaps a dozen in all—have ended up being forwarded by the  
 ARRL to the FCC for action.

"The League's record is outstanding here," Hollingsworth  
 said. Cases necessitating FCC follow-up action have been mini-  
 mal, he said, and most of those stem from the utility's failure to  
 understand its obligations under Part 15.

Over the past year, the League has worked with amateurs on  
 behalf of the FCC to handle 72 complaints of suspected power-  
 line interference. Hare, the ARRL Lab supervisor, says that the  
 effort has had its successes, some cases may require more than  
 an advisory letter from the FCC.

"Having the FCC field offices investigate those cases where  
 a power company is not willing or able to assume its responsi-  
 bilities is a good next step," Hare said. "The League and the FCC  
 both hope that continued cooperation will bring these cases to a  
 satisfactory end without having to resort to drastic enforcement  
 measures."

Tnx ARRL Letter

## The great new Tooth Phone

A pair of British engineers say they have invented a  
 revolutionary tooth implant that works like a mobile  
 phone.

The 'tooth phone,' designed by researchers James Auger  
 and Jimmy Loizeau, consists of a micro sized receiver, trans-  
 mitter and a transducer that are implanted into a tooth during  
 routine dental surgery. Sound, which comes from the tooth is  
 transferred to the inner ear by bone resonance.

This means information can be received anywhere and no-  
 body else can listen in. (Science & Technology)

Tnx Amateur Radio Newslite

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## Concerns for Masons under 40

5. **Community Service.** Masonic Youth is not adverse to community projects and we are open and ready to perform them. It is frustrating to have good Masonic works declined by a vote in the lodge because the elderly do not want to participate in strenuous activities.

6. **The way it has always been done.** Non landmark traditions that hinder Masonic progress is not a benefit to us nor Freemasonry. If every Mason 50 years ago jumped off a cliff because that's the way the lodge had always done things--then we don't need to do it today. If it's broke, lets fix it. If it hinders progress, get rid of it. If the most elderly's mentor's mentor taught them to do something that doesn't work today--it's time to do things differently in the name of progress.

7. **Family involvement.** If we can drag the wife and kids with us to some social events, we are more likely to attend.

8. **Youth begets youth.** Activities specifically for Masonic youth need to be developed and implemented to include social gatherings, fun activities, ball games, and community projects.

9. **Regions.** We currently have our Masonic districts, however for the benefit of Masonic Youth perhaps bands of districts should be crafted into regions around prominent geographic areas that support Masonic Youth activities. Masonic Youth from surrounding districts can be invited together to participate in family related activities such as visits to the National Masonic Memorial, sporting events, camping trips, canoe trips, river rafting, Adopt a Road projects, Adopt a Stream projects, and BBQ's. The Secretaries of each subordinate lodge could provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of Masonic Youth to a Regional Coordinator who can then invite all young Masonic families to participate in activities with their families, thus developing our fraternal bonds.

10. **The Masonic Home.** Although this may seem harsh, I have mixed feelings and reservations about supporting the Home to the exclusion of other more long lasting and far reaching projects that will ultimately support the Home better. The sole investiture in the Masonic home seems an investment in the past with no plan for continued future support other than raising the "taxes" on those of our dwindling numbers. To Masonic Youth it seems unfair, akin to our current Social Security taxes that may or may not be around for us in our old age. To Masonic youth it seems a more prudent plan of action to invest in our children, youth, Rainbow Girls, Jobies, and De Molay to foster the support of new, young and long term Masonic memberships. To invigorate new life in Masonry, produce more Masons and long term Masons who can support the Masonic Home makes more sense than raising dues and special "tax" projects.

11. **Masonic Education.** There is more to Masonry besides the ritual, even in the ritual how many actually know what is so special about the 47th problem that would cause Pythagoras to exclaim, "Eureka!" How many know the mathematical formula it represents and the esoteric value it has for the process of creation? How many know the word in our obligations is "Hele" meaning to conceal and not "Hail" meaning to exclaim. Please, we need a more complete Masonic education regardless of what method an individual is raised with. We need a more philosophical and esoteric education to stimulate thinking and not just rote memory.

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## R.W. William C. Godfrey, WB2VFX

**B**rethren, please welcome R.W. Bro. Bill Godfrey, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F. & A.M, and a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 94, F. & A.M, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Bro. Godfrey served as Most Wise Master of his Scottish Rite Valley in 2001. He has also served as High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of Council, serving on the Grand Staff of Grand Council and is currently Grand Conductor of the Council. He has also served as Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Jersey, and may be Grand Commander in 2005.

A Past District Deputy for the DeMolay in New Jersey, and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving with his wife when she was Worthy Matron.

The Hiram's Hams Amateur Radio Society is proud to welcome this distinguished brother as a Hiram's Ham. 

## Freemasonry in the Quarries!

**F**ascinating! The Master Mason's Degree conferred in a Quarry just as in the days of old!

On July 27, Colonel Robert I. Martin, P.M., N8FSQ, and 14 Brethren from Highland Lodge No. 38, Hillsboro, Ohio, attended an "Outdoor Raising" sponsored by Salyersville Lodge No. 769, Salyersville, Kentucky.

The Brethren were treated to a delicious meal by Salyersville Lodge, and afterwards the Master Mason's Degree was conferred in a most unusual manner - in a Tiled Quarry!

Salyersville Lodge has an Outdoor Raising every year on the last Saturday of July either in a quarry or on a mountain top at Elk Fork Lodge No. 755.

Brethren, this is Freemasonry in true ancient form as in the days of King Solomon! 

Tnx Colonel Robert I. Martin, P.M., N8FSQ

12. **Lodge Programs.** Masonic youth would appreciate programs that are more uplifting, educational and fun. Retirement planning, extended health care briefings, and patriotic odes written so long ago they exclude our Nation's last five major conflicts are not cutting the mustard for us.

13. **Bulletins, newsletters and invitations.** If the Masonic Youth doesn't feel welcome, appreciated, or involved, we won't be in attendance. For those who have stopped attending or have attended one meeting and have never been seen again, they may need to be invited back to the Lodge. The bulletins and newsletters need to be more inviting and informative with interesting articles. If they are being round-filed or ignored, they are not working.

The concerns listed above are not meant to diminish its importance but rather to show concern for its continued and long term support. 

Tnx Bro. Jason C. Russo  
Junior Warden, Blandford Lodge #3 (Chartered 1757), Richmond, Virginia  
Member SRRS

also tnx to Wor. Bro. John Ochmann, WA8NDL

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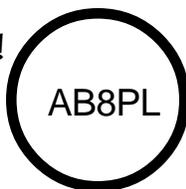


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Reynoldsburg, Ohio



Brother Dale Barnard Lewis, K8NHD, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was raised to the Grand Lodge above on August 2, 2002. He was a member of Hudson Lodge No. 510, F. & A.M.

Txn Bro. Dennis P. Moriarty, K8AGB, Canton, Ohio

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## A True Captive Audience!

The story of a captive audience. A permanent Amateur Radio Station with the call sign **EI0CRM** — you heard right — C-R-M — “crim” — EI0CRM is being set up in of all places the radio museum of the Cork City jail in Ireland.

Cork City jail opened for business in 1824 and was used as a prison until 1923. When Radio Erin was expanding in the mid 1920's, it was located in this jail. Its call sign was 6CK.

The broadcasting studio is now fully restored and a fine display of radio artifacts are on permanent display. Have a listen out for EI0CRM

Talk about a QSL card that you may want to keep under lock and key.

Txn Amateur Radio Newsline and Q-News

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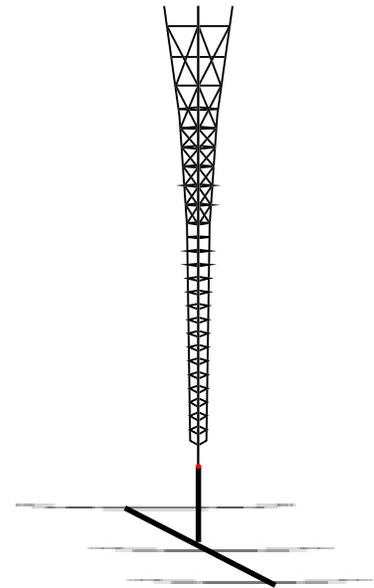
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Sept. 27-28	Ten-Tec .....	<a href="http://www.tentec.com">http://www.tentec.com</a> .....	Sevierville, TN
October 5	KENTUCKY COLONELS ARC .....	<a href="http://k4lol.org">http://k4lol.org</a> .....	Bowling Green, KY
October 19	Oak Ridge ARC .....	<a href="http://kornnet.org/orarc/">http://kornnet.org/orarc/</a> .....	Oak Ridge, TN
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October 27	Massillon ARC .....	<a href="http://qsl.net/w8np">http://qsl.net/w8np</a> .....	Canton, OH
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November 9	Kentucky Mountains ARC .....	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/k4avx/kmarc.html">http://www.qsl.net/k4avx/kmarc.html</a> .....	Hazard, KY
November 10	Ham Radio Auction .....	<w9caf@chicagoarc.com> .....	Chicago, IL
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Tnx ARRL and the Southeastern Repeater Association

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