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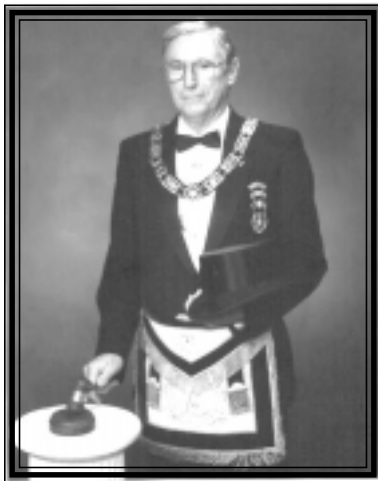
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WELCOME! Most Worshipful Glenn E. Means, WBOMUU,
Past Grand Master of Missouri, A.F. and A.M.



Most Worshipful Brother Glenn E. Means, of Grain Valley, Missouri, served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A.F. & A.M. in 2002. He graduated from Raytown High School in 1959 and after graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1963, he was commissioned an officer in the Adjutant General Corps, U.S. Army. He served in Germany, various posts in the U.S. and at the Secretary of Army's Office. After resigning his Commission in 1968 at the rank of Captain, he returned to the Kansas City Area and began his career in the Federal Government. He retired in 1995.



MWB Means and his wife, Mary Jane, were married in 1962 and are the parents of three children, Elizabeth, Anne, and Stephen. Elizabeth is an elementary school counselor at Martin City, Missouri. Anne, (Mrs. Mark Turner) and her husband, own and operate The Village at Indian Point in Branson, Missouri. Son Stephen and daughter-in-law, Heidi, live in Dallas, Texas, where Stephen is a

Regional Manager for Honeywell Controls and Heidi is a Supervisor for Texas Instruments. Glenn and Mary Jane are also the proud grandparents of Madeline Grace and Nicholas Turner.

MWB Means began his Masonic career in Raytown Lodge No. 391, being raised to the Master Mason degree on April 14, 1970. Later that year he affiliated with Blue Springs Lodge No. 337 and served as Chaplain. He served as Secretary of the Lodge from 1971 through 1978 and as Worshipful Master in 1983. In 1984 he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, a position in which he continues to serve.

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Hollingsworth Preaches Courtesy and Common Sense

FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, told those attending his forum at the Richmond, Virginia, Frostfest that Amateur Radio enforcement still has a long way to go, but that amateurs can do a lot through peer pressure to head off problems before they become enforcement issues.

"Enforcement is no substitute for courtesy and common sense," Hollingsworth declared. "More courtesy would go a long way." Hollingsworth again suggested that amateurs "operate so that listeners will be impressed with Amateur Radio, not offended or turned off by it." He said awareness of Amateur Radio is on the rise in the wake of media attention since September 11, 2001, and, more recently, with ham radio assistance in the search for debris from the shuttle Columbia. He pointed to 20 and 75 meters as the current enforcement hot spots as well as the bands where the least courteous operating practices are found—some of which he described as "a disgrace" to the Amateur Service.

Off-the-air peer pressure, he said, is an effective tool to provide guidance to amateurs who may be unaware of how they sound to others on the air. The reactions of some hams when they confront interference, or perceived interference, can be worse than the original interference—whether or not it's deliberate. "Don't overreact," Hollingsworth advised. "The best reaction is no reaction whatsoever."

"You have to always be aware of your image and be willing to protect it," he told those gathered in the packed forum. "You can't shoot yourself in the foot." More than 1000 attended the Richmond Frostfest, sponsored by the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society.

The use of new technology and on-the-air experimentation also sometimes brings controversy to the amateur bands, Hollingsworth said, and may prompt an occasion for the FCC to revisit its current Part 97 Amateur Service rules. Hollingsworth pointed to the use of so-called "enhanced SSB," where experimenters have been attempting to achieve full-carrier AM-like high-fidelity audio in that mode. Hollingsworth said the presence

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**WORDS OF WISDOM
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

**What Symbols has Masonry
 borrowed from Pythagoras?**

The esoteric or secret instructions of Pythagoras were explained with the aid of symbols, as the readiest and most efficient method of impressing upon the mind of the candidate for the mysteries, the sublime truths and moral lessons for which the school of that justly celebrated philosopher was distinguished. A few of the most important symbols are here explained.

The *Equilateral Triangle*, a perfect figure, was adopted among the ancient nations as a symbol of Deity, the principle and author of all sublunary things; the essence of Light and Truth, who was, and is, and shall be. The *Square* comprehends the union of the celestial and terrestrial elements of power; and was the emblem of Morality and Justice. The *Tetractys* was a sacred emblem, which was expressed by ten jods disposed in the form of a triangle, each side containing four. This was the most expressive symbol of Pythagoras. On it the obligation to the aspirant was propounded; and it was the conservator of many awful and important truths, which are explained as follows: The one point represented the *Monad*, or active principle; the two points the *Duad*, or passive principle; the three points the *Triad*, or the world proceeding from their union; the four, the *Quarternary*, or the liberal sciences. The *Cube* was the symbol of the mind of man, after a well-spent life in acts of piety and devotion, and thus prepared by virtue for translation into the society of celestial gods. The *Point within a Circle* was the symbol of the universe. The use of this emblem is coeval with the first created man-the creation was the circle and himself the center. The *Dedecaedron*, or figure of twelve sides, was also a symbol of the universe. The *Triple Triangle* - a unity of perfectness - was a symbol of health, and was called *Hygeia*. The *Forty-seventh proposition of Euclid* was invented and explained by Pythagoras, and is so extensively useful that it has been adopted in all lodges as a significant symbol of Freemasonry.

The letter **Y** was a symbolical representation of the course of human life. Youth, arriving at manhood, sees two roads before him, and deliberates which he shall pursue. If he meets with a guide that directs him to pursue philosophy, and he procures initiation, his life shall be honorable and his death happy. But if he omits this, and takes the left hand path, which appears broader and better, it will lead to sloth and luxury; will waste his estate, impair his health, and bring on an old age of infamy and misery.

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

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M.W. Glenn E. Means, WBOMUU

MWB Means served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 59th District in 1988 and is especially proud of helping the Western Unit of the Masonic Home implement the Adopt-A-Resident Program. At the 1990 Grand Lodge Communication, he was elected to a 4 year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home. He served as Chairman of the Admissions and Discipline Committee in 1993 and 1994. He served as a member of the Grand Lodge Relief and Charity Committee in 1993 and as Chairman in 1994. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee A.F. & A.M. to the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

In February 2002, he was elected by the Grand Masters of North America as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America. The Conference consists of the Grand Masters of the USA, Canada and Mexico, as well as visiting Grand Masters from South America and several European countries.

In 1970 he received the Scottish Rite degrees at the Kansas City Valley and in 1999 was honored to receive the Knight Commander Cross of Honor. In 1983 he received the York Rite degrees in Independence, MO. He is a Past High Priest of Independence Chapter No.12, which received the Distinguished Chapter Award during his year as High Priest, and a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a Past Illustrious Master of Independence Council No. 49, which received the Grand Council Merit Award during his year as Illustrious Master, and a member of the Order of Silver Trowel. He is a Past Commander of Palestine Commandery No.17, which received the Honor Commandery Award and the Distinguished Commandery Award during his year as Commander. He is a member of the Harry S. Truman York Rite College, a member of Kilwinning Council Allied Masonic Degrees, and was honored to become a member of Mary Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was elected to receive the Knight York Court of Honor in 2002. He became a member of Ararat Shrine in 1978 and served as a Shrine Clubs Ambassador in 1994 and 1995. He is Past President of the Blue Springs Shrine Club. He was the Charter Secretary for Ararat Amateur Radio Shrine Club in 1982 and served as President in 1990. He is a charter member of the Ararat Tribesmen Shrine Club. He is a Past President of Ararat Antique Auto Shrine Club. He is a Past President and currently is the Secretary/Adjutant of Kansas City Chapter No. 63 National Sojourners and Old Glory Camp of the Heroes of '76. He is a member of Blue Springs Chapter No. 428 Order of Eastern Star. He was also honored to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1997.

MWB Means is a member of Good Shepherd Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) whose cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge in 1986. He has served on the Building Committee, as a Deacon, as Chairman of the Board, and for the past 13 years served as an Elder. He is presently the Chairman of the Church Trustees.

Most Worshipful Bro. Means was nominated to be a Hiram's Ham by Ill. Bro. Leonard "Len" Lynch, KOLEN



Congratulations!
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CONGRATULATIONS

Brother Dave Winkle, KE8BE, a member of New England Lodge No. 4, Worthington, Ohio, was presented a beautiful pin in recognition of his 50 years as a Freemason!

Brother Dave is a member of the Hiram's Hams Advisory Board.

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Courtesy and Common Sense

of the enhanced SSB experimenters has led to complaints to the FCC - as many as 20 per week - that these signals are taking up excessive bandwidth.

Hollingsworth told his Richmond audience that deliberately operating a wideband mode in a crowded spectrum is "*shortsighted and rude*," and may be ignoring the "minimum bandwidth necessary" rule. If its use isn't accompanied by courtesy and common sense, he said, it will lead to pressure on the FCC to revise the Amateur Service rules.

The "Emission Standards" section of Part 97—specifically §97.307(a) and (b)—requires amateur transmissions to not occupy "more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted, in accordance with good amateur practice" and to "not cause splatter" on adjacent frequencies.

Hollingsworth said the bandwidth of a given signal is not easily determined by the average amateur transceiver—even one equipped with a band scope of some sort. He pointed out that the problems with apparent splatter can be aggravated by the use of a noise blanker on the receiving end. "Just because it sounds wide doesn't mean it is wide," he said, adding that he'd prefer the amateur community come up a way to accommodate such experimentation, because "a government solution will be worse than the problem."

Tnx ARRL

Unlicensed Radio Broadcaster Arrested

The FCC has announced that Benjamin Leroy Carter has been sentenced to 18 months probation. This, following his conviction on seven counts of unlicensed radio operation.

The conviction and subsequent sentencing is the result of an investigation that began in February of 1999. The Commission's Tampa Florida Office says that it received complaints from residents and broadcasters in the Orlando, Florida area of interference to the reception of licensed radio broadcast stations. Carter, who also went by the name of Malik Copafeel Abdul, pled guilty to seven counts of unlicensed radio operation in November of 2002. He also agreed to forfeit all equipment used in connection with the station.

The FCC says that 4 months of the sentence will be served as home confinement. In addition, Carter will be required to perform 50 hours of community service.

Tnx Amateur Radio Newsline

New Class of Field Day Station

Amateur Radio's premiere emergency preparedness operating event is changing. This with word that the annual *ARRL Field Day* will gain another entry class for 2003.

Called **Class F**, these will be Amateur Radio stations which are set up and operate from emergency operations centers, or EOC's. ARRL says that the change renews the emphasis of Field Day's 1933 origins as an emergency preparedness exercise as opposed to a routine contest.

Tnx ARRL Letter

Continued from the February 2003 edition

Masonic Stones of the Washington Monument

Moving up to the fourteenth landing at 160 feet there is a marble Masonic stone from Lafayette Lodge No. 64, F.& A.M., New York City. September 16 A.L. 5853 A.D. 1853. The stone contains a square and compass under the words, "our tribute." At the fifteenth landing, on the 170-foot level is a granite stone from Washington Lodge F.& A.M., Roxbury, Massachusetts. The stone is actually from a later period and arrived at the monument in 1871. With the stone came a letter to John Carrol Brent, Secretary of the Society, from John F. Newton, Boston, Massachusetts, May 10, 1871: "And may we but express the hope that the step our Lodge has taken be but the initiatory one, which will give the completion of the monument a new impetus. And I hope our example will be followed by other lodges and Masonic institutions throughout our beloved country And feeling a deep interest in the completion of the monument I beg to make a suggestion, and that is this, of your society making an appeal to each Lodge, and Masonic Institution throughout the country. I think it would meet with a generous and hearty response."

On the 180-foot level, at the sixteenth landing, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contributed a richly carved marble stone. Prominent upon the stone is carved an arch and keystone. The keystone contains a seal with four quarterings with a lion, a man, a cow, and an eagle, and traditional emblems of the four apostles. Above the seal on the keystone is "Holiness unto the Lord," below the seal is "From the Keystone State, A.D. 1851 A.L. 5851." Above the keystone two angels guard with uplifted wings a small ark of the covenant. To the right of the arch is a crumbling wall surmounted by masonic tools set against a wooded hill. To the left is a wall of finished ashlar surmounted by a masonic altar and tools against another wooded hill. In the clouds on a banner to either side of the keystone is the inscription "Ad majorem Supremi Architect Glorium."

..... *Continued in the April 2003 edition*

Brethren, please note:

The article, "*Some Birthplaces of Freemasonry*," in the February 2003 edition, will be continued in the April 2003 edition. Tnx

MASONIC PENALTIES

By: R.W. J. Eric Adams

Many Masons believe that the penalties of our obligations are land-marks handed down from antiquity. This is not so. The Old Charges or Manuscripts, the first being the Regius Poem written in 1390 A.D., all contain Charges or "land-marks" that we use today, but not until the Edinburgh Register House Manuscript of 1696 was there any mention of a penalty.

Most of the books written about Masonry between 1696 and 1750 were exposures. Of the thirteen written before 1726, none mention a penalty; the seven written after that do.

In 1727, ten years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, "A Masons Confession" was published in Scotland and contained the first penalty to be found within an obligation.

The Wilkinson Manuscript was written in 1727, and included all three penalties and an early version of the Entered Apprentice Lecture. The unique thing about that is that there still may have been only one degree at that time. The most famous Masonic exposure, "Masonry Dissected," was written in 1730 by Samuel Prichard, and in it, for the first time ever, three degrees are mentioned. A ritual is given for each degree, but all three penalties were again listed with the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Then, in "Three Distinct Knocks," published in 1760, a separate penalty was given with each degree, each quite similar to those we use today. And, interestingly enough, when the two main Grand Lodges of England merged in 1813, a non-physical penalty was added to the Entered Apprentice obligation and went like this: "... or that being branded as a willfully perjured individual, void of all moral worth, and totally unfit to be received into this or any other worthy and warranted Lodge, or the society of men who prize honor and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune ..."

It is obvious that the penalties have never been etched in stone. They have gone from an obligation without a penalty, to one with one penalty, to three obligations with a separate penalty for each, to a non-physical penalty in 1813, and to many changes in the wording through the years. Some Grand Lodges have changed them in recent years. In 1986, the Grand Lodge of England removed them from the obligations and put them in the lectures.

The same has happened in the majority of the Grand Lodges in Europe, two in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and several Grand Lodges thus far in the United States. Most Grand Lodges have moved them to the lectures; none so far have completely removed them. It is known that quite a few American Grand Lodges are considering such a move.

The questions are these: Should we retain a form of punishment that, Masonically, has never been inflicted as far as anyone knows and would be against the law if we did? In the obligation, should we simply bind a candidate symbolically to "the ancient penalty as stated in the lecture to follow?" Should we continue to threaten a candidate with bodily harm for revealing secrets that long ago ceased to be secrets?

These are questions for thought, Brethren. 

Tnx Right Worshipful J. Eric Adams, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eight Masonic District of Ohio, and a Friend of Hiram's Hams
Also Tnx to Wor. Bro. Richard Blaney, KYCH, WBSMHE

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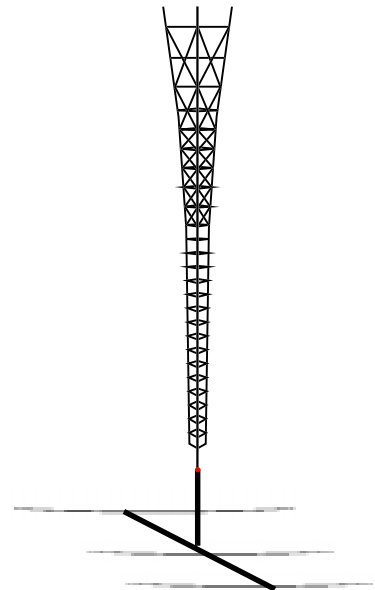
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- April 19  Ararat Shrine ARC <http://www.homestead.com/dowdy/hamfest/hambash2000.html> Kansas City, MO
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