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WHY NO TOOLS OF IRON?

A research paper by Bro. Carey Alexander, K8DOT

Some fantastic tales have been told about King Solomon's Temple which is the principal symbol of Freemasonry and the basis for rituals of Craft, Capitular and Cryptic Freemasonry.

The cost of this great structure has been placed by several students of biblical history at figures that seem to surpass the total wealth of that part of the world in which the temple was erected. Palestine was a country of some 10,000 square miles, made up of 6,000 square miles in Western Palestine and 3,000 square miles in Eastern Palestine. All of Western Palestine was smaller than the state of Massachusetts. Those inclined to give a guess of the estimate of the cost of the temple place it at ten to twenty billions of dollars. All of the material, precious metals and precious stones were assembled within a period of comparatively few years and apparently coming largely from outside of Palestine.

We should try asking the state of Vermont how it would go about the job of raising that amount of wealth to go into construction of a single building. The answer would probably make us doubt the accuracy of any figures given us as to the fantastic cost of the world's most famous edifice, King Solomon's Temple.

No one wrote a description of the temple until long after it had been plundered of its wealth; hence we well may ask whether there is an acceptable basis upon which to estimate its cost, even though we may feel certain it was high enough to be a terrific burden upon the taxpayers.

This building was constructed by no tool of iron. We read in the Holy Bible, I Kings, Chapter 6, Verse 7: "And the house, when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building."

This feature is retained Masonically in the our present day monitorial working, which tells us that: From sacred history we also learn that, "There was not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron in the house while it was in building." Anderson Masonic Manual

We then ask, "Why were metal tools prohibited?" The answer being the better to show the ingenuity of the craft in those days, for although the materials were prepared at so great a distance, when they were put together; each part fitted so exact a nicety that it seemed the work of the Great Architect of the Universe rather than that of mortal man.

.....Continued in the June 2003 edition

Radio Commentator Paul Harvey and Amateur Radio

Veteran ABC Radio Networks commentator Paul Harvey has offered some kind words for Amateur Radio:

"America's quiet warriors are the legion of ham radio operators, 700,000 of them, who are always at ready for backup duty in emergencies—amateur, unpaid, uncelebrated, civilian radio operators, during and after floods and fires and tornadoes," Harvey said. "After the 9/11 attacks, hams were indispensable in reuniting friends and families. Most recently it was they who expedited the search for debris after the disaster to the space shuttle Columbia, and right now, at this moment, they are involved in homeland security to a greater degree than you would want me to make public."

The commentary's enigmatic and mysterious final sentence—typical of Harvey's habit of leaving his listeners hanging—apparently refers to the fact that many Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Emergency Service (RACES) teams have ramped up their alert status due to hostilities in the Middle East.

Tnx ARRL Letter

Baghdad club station dismantled

The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>> relays information from Diya Sayah, YI1DZ—one of the primary operators at the Baghdad Radio Club YI1BGD station in Baghdad.

Sayah reported just prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Iraq that he had dismantled the YI1BGD station equipment and stored it in a safe place—if there can be such a location in the capital city at this point.

The Daily DX Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, says he doubts there will be any activity in the near future from YI1BGD "much less any other YI stations." The YI1BGD club station went on the air in the 1970s.

The Iraqi Association for Radio Amateurs (IARA) remains an International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society. Its president is Adnan M. Aswad, YI1DX

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**WORDS OF WISDOM
 FROM KING SOLOMON**

The Square & Compasses

These two symbols have been so long and so universally combined - to teach us, as says an early ritual, "to square our actions and to keep them within due bounds," they are so seldom seen apart, but are so kept together, either as two great lights, or as a jewel worn by the Master of the Lodge, now by the Past Master - that they have come at last to be recognized as the proper badge of a Master Mason, just as the triple tau is of a Royal Arch Mason or the passion cross of a Knights Templar.



So universally has this symbol been recognized, even by the profane world, as the peculiar characteristic of Freemasonry, that it has been made in the United States the subject of a legal decision. A manufacturer of flour having made, in 1873, an application to the U.S. Patent Office for permission to adopt the square and compasses as a trade-mark, the Commissioner of Patents refused the permission on the ground that the mark was a Masonic symbol.

"If this emblem," said Mr. J.M. Thacher, of the Commissioner, "were something other than precisely what it is - either less known, less significant, or fully and universally understood - all this might readily be admitted. But, considering its peculiar character and relation to the public, an anomalous question is presented. There can be no doubt that this device, so commonly worn and employed by Masons, has an established mystic significance, universally recognized as existing; whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this issue. In view of the magnitude and extent of the Masonic organization, it is impossible to divest its symbols, or at least this particular symbol - perhaps the best known of all - of its ordinary signification, wherever displayed, either as an arbitrary character or otherwise. It will be universally understood, or misunderstood, as having a Masonic significance; and, therefore, as a trade-mark, must constantly work deception. Nothing could be more mischievous than to create as a monopoly, and uphold by the power of law, anything so calculated, as applied to purposes of trade, to be misinterpreted, to mislead all classes, and to constantly foster suggestions of mystery in affairs of business."

In a religious work by John Davies, entitled *Summa Totalis, or All in All and the Same Forever*, printed in 1607, we find an illusion to the square and compasses by a profane in a really Masonic sense. The author, who proposes to describe mystically the form of the Deity, says in his dedication:

"Yet I this forme of formelless Deity, Drewe by the Squire and Compasse of our Creed."

In Masonic symbolism, the Square and Compasses refer to the Mason's duty to the Craft and to himself; hence it is properly a symbol of brotherhood, and there significantly adopted as the badge or token of the Fraternity.


Berage, in his work on the high degrees (*les plus secrets Mysteres des Hauts Grades*), gives a new interpretation to the symbol. He says: "The square and compasses represent the

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Masonic Stones of the Washington Monument

By 1854, the Washington National Monument society had exhausted its funds and all work stopped at the 150-foot level. Turmoil within the Society, bad economic times, and the fury of the coming Civil War and its aftermath halted monument construction for 22 years. There is still a discernible line between courses of differing stonework indicating the resumption of Monument construction, funded now by Congress, on August 2, 1876, and spurred on by the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence. The Army Corps of Engineers carried on construction of the monument until its completion in 1885. Whether or not Society Secretary John Carrol Brent was moved by the letter from the Lodge in Roxbury, Massachusetts, he began to again send another solicitation to Masonic bodies and other fraternal orders. Between July and September 1874 over two hundred pledges were received by the Society from every part of the country, primarily from the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, and other fraternal bodies. By April 15, 1875, 211 Masonic lodges across the country had responded to Brent's call including the Grand Lodges of Florida, Illinois, Ohio, and Massachusetts, the last three named Grand Lodges giving \$1,000 each. Mithras Lodge of Perfection, A.A.S.R., Washington D.C. made a contribution as did 24 Royal Arch Chapters and 5 Commanderies. These stones today may be seen by the visitor who takes scheduled tours walking down the interior staircase of the monument. The walk down is a bit long and tedious and suitable only for the athletically inclined. Monument visitors may inquire about these walking tours by calling the Washington Monument Ranger Station at 202-426-6841. The National Park Service hopes to install a glass window elevator so that all visitors may view the 193 memorial stones as they make the five-minute elevator ascension to the top of the Monument. 

Tnx Southern California Research Lodge F&AM
(Quoted from the Spring 1997 issue of The Voice of Freemasonry, published by the Grand Lodge, F.&A.M., of the District of Columbia)

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Her son is Wor. Bro. C. Lee Coyle, N2LC
Past Master of Groveport Lodge No. 240, Groveport, Ohio

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Brethren, please welcome Bro. Riccardo "Ricky" Isnenghi, IN3SUI, Trento, ITALY. Bro. Ricky is the first member of the Society to wear a Hiram's Hams cap in Italy!

Wow! What an exciting QTH in the foothills of the ALPS! He now has an HF beam on the roof of his home. Imagine a 75 meter dipole between two of those gorgeous mountain tops! Hello World

The June 2003 edition will feature a picture of Bro. Ricky, his wife and children. 

Hiram's Hams Caps!

..... Fund raising drive for the Society


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

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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

Bro. Wade Stone, KA4ZHG, Wake Forest, North Carolina
Member of Granville Lodge No. 350 

 Passed to the Grand Lodge above in March 2003
Tnx Worshipful Brother Max Bloodworth, KO4TV


Masonic Cat



On April 14-18, the comic strip, "Get Fuzzy" ran a series of panels about Bucky "The Cat Mason."

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The Square & Compasses

union of the Old and New Testaments. None of the high degrees recognize this interpretation, although their symbolism of the two implements differs somewhat from that of symbolic Masonry. The square is with them peculiarly appropriated to the lower degrees, as founded on the operative art; while the compasses, as an implement of higher character and uses, is attributed to the degrees, which claim to have a more elevated and philosophical foundation. Thus they speak of the initiate, when he passes from the Blue Lodge to the Lodge of Perfection, as 'passing from the square to the compasses,' to indicate a progressive elevation in his studies. Yet even in the high degrees, the square and compasses combined retain their primitive signification as a symbol of brotherhood and as a badge of the Order." 

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

Dr. Albert G. Mackey 33^o

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Ham-pianist looking for company, support during run

Internationally known pianist Martin Berkofsky, KC3RE, has made it into Kansas on his 860-mile run to Chicago. A cancer survivor, Berkofsky is celebrating his recovery and raising money for Tulsa's Cancer Treatment Research Foundation (CTRF) <<http://www.ctrf.org/>> with his *Celebrate Life Run* <<http://www.celebrateliferun.com/>>.

Berkofsky left Tulsa April 8, his 60th birthday. "Holding up wonderfully," Berkofsky reports. "The best day was 12.9 miles." He said he's now out of range of the Oklahoma UHF "Super System," where he enjoyed many nice QSOs and had some stations checking in with him daily as the run progressed. Joni Shulman, CTRF's director of programs, said Berkofsky still needs places to stay and spotters to watch out for him along his route. He also enjoys having others run with him.


Berkofsky is using APRS to radio his position at least on a daily basis, and he can be tracked on the Web via the findu.com site

<<http://www.findu.com/>>.

Tnx ARRL Letter

The Meaning of Masonic Charity

By: EastEnder Masonic Research

As in other examples of vocabulary from the King James Version of the Bible, the perception of Charity today has changed some of its intended meaning. Today the term is more synonymous with philanthropy, giving, donations. In days gone by, especially in early America, a charitable person was one who expressed that virtue by action not just digging into their pockets, calling on the sick, etc. Masonic Charity is of that nature. Calling a brother or friend on the phone and inquiring about his health is Charity. Picking up a brother or friend to take him someplace is Charity. Sitting with someone silently when they have lost a loved one is Charity. Writing a check for a good cause, while charitable, is classed today more as philanthropy. Perhaps we should reinstate all the connotations of Charity as it was once perceived. 

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Again, as always, thank you for your belief, and for your support.

AM Radio Station Dinged for \$9000

A\$9,000 fine against WRKQ - AM in Madisonville, Tennessee, has been affirmed by the Federal Communications Commission. The regulatory agency says that WRKQ allegedly failed at least once to identify itself by call sign. Also that it operated at night with daytime power and failed to adequately attenuate its second harmonic.

The harmonic is a rather interesting issue here. WRKQ operates on 1250 kHz. The FCC says that its second harmonic falls squarely on WWV's authorized frequency of 2.5 MHz. The FCC says that it measured WRKQ's second harmonic down at only -55 dB per centimeter whereas -70 dB is required by the rules.

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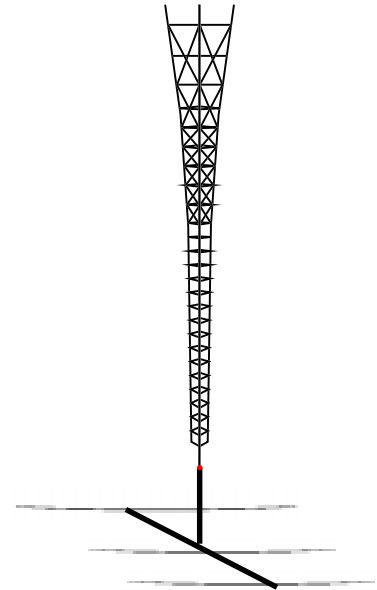
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May 25	Franklin County Hamfest Committee	Hilliard, OH
May 30	ARRL Atlantic Division Convention	Rochester, NY
June 1	Ole Virginia Hams ARC < www.qsl.net/olevahams >	Manassas, VA
June 7	Northern Kentucky ARC< home.fuse.net/dom/ >	Independence, KY
June 7	Forsyth ARC < www.w4nc.com >	Winston-Salem, NC
June 8	Goodyear Amateur Radio Club	Suffield, OH
June 13-14	ARRL Tennessee State Convention < www.w4bbb.org >	Knoxville, TN
June 20-22	ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION < www.hamcom.org >	ARLINGTON, TEXAS
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June 26	OH-KY-IN ARC < www.ohkyin.org >	Cincinnati, OH
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August 9	Tri-State ARA < www.qsl.net/tara >	Huntington, WV
August 10	ARRL Kentucky State Convention < www.bluegrassars.org/ >	Lexington, KY
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